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Dave Calhoun, Boeing CEO

## BOEING SEES MANAGEMENT CHANGE AS SAFETY ISSUES HAUNT COMPANY

**CEO David Calhoun will leave the plane maker at the end of 2024. Board chairman Lawrence Kellner won't stand for re-election in May**

### BOARD IS HUNTING FOR NEW CEO: ANY GUESSES?

Former Qualcomm CEO Steven Mollenkopf ha been named the new chairman. He will lead the search for a new CEO. Boeing's commercial airplane unit president and CEO Stan Deal will retire immediately. Chief operating officer of less than three months Stephanie Pope will lead the key division now. Boeing's trouble started with its top selling 737 Max jets

### AUDIT OF SEATTLE UNIT NOT SATISFACTORY

- The company's factory near Seattle failed in many production areas, according to the Federal Aviation Administration's audit
- An emergency exit door of a Boeing 737 Max 9 of Alaska Air on Jan 5 blew out in mid-air. It would have been the final nail for the management shake up after two crashes in 2018 and 2019

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**BOEING PLANES WERE DELIVERED IN JAN AND FEB, DOWN FROM 66 A YEAR AGO**


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# IPL first-price: RCB ticket at ₹55,055

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

ROYAL Challengers Bengaluru's dynamic pricing of Indian Premier League (IPL) tickets — almost akin to what Indian Railways does with respect to premium tatkal — has created a record of sorts.

Just as Mohammed Siraj stood on top of the run-up, *shop.royalchallengers.com* was selling tickets for ₹55,055 (the same tickets were available for ₹52,938 on Sunday) in the Qatar Airways P2 Stand, just below the Pavilion Terrace. Because of the dynamic pricing model, this is one of the most expensive tickets ever on sale for an IPL game (in Phase 1, the same tickets were available for ₹42,300). The hospitality ticket will get you 'unlimited food and beverages'. It's not known if alcohol is part of the deal. The franchise has anyway had some of the most expensive tickets. In 2017, their priciest tickets were available at ₹37,000 a pop.

According to data available on the websites of ticketing partners, Sunrisers Hyderabad has the second most expensive at ₹30,000. It will cost you that much if you want to watch them against Chennai or Mumbai, two of the more prominent sides in the league.

Ahmedabad, meanwhile, has tickets costing ₹499 to ₹12,000 for the game against Punjab on April 4. In some stadia, there is liquor available in the hospitality section. In Lucknow, for instance, there is beer as long as you are willing to spend ₹5,000 for a ticket. "Full Hospitality," a ticketing partner informs the potential customer, "With Beer". For double that price, there is 'full hospitality with hard drink' according to same partner. Lucknow, in its third season, has the cheapest tickets on at ₹399. Chennai, meanwhile, has its priciest seats sold out for the entire season. It may even not come out for sale for next edition. As a result, KMK Terrace is the costliest at ₹6,000 for Gujarat game on Tuesday. P13

TICKET PRICE

| FRANCHISE | LOWEST | HIGHEST | MATCH (VS) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bengaluru | ₹5,200* | ₹55,055* | Punjab |
| Lucknow | ₹399 | ₹20,000 | Punjab |
| Rajasthan | ₹1,200 | ₹15,000 | Delhi |
| Mumbai | ₹990 | ₹15,000 | Rajasthan |
| Hyderabad | ₹750 | ₹30,000 | Chennai |
| Chennai | ₹1,700 | ₹6,000 | Gujarat |
| Gujarat | ₹499 | ₹12,000 | Hyderabad |
| Delhi | ₹2,000 | ₹5,000^ | Kolkata |

**Data as per ticketing partners**: *Dynamic pricing (normal @ ₹2,300 to ₹42,300), ^ For Delhi's next home game at Visakhapatnam

**RCB BEAT PUNJAB**

Bengaluru: Virat Kohli's half-century took the Royal Challengers Bengaluru to a four-wicket victory over Punjab Kings in an IPL match here on Monday. Punjab had put 177 on the board, with RCB striking 178 for 6, with four balls to spare

# AAP keeps up pressure, now on social media

Requests citizens to change their display picture; plan to gherao PM's house today

ANUP VERMA @ New Delhi

INTENSIFYING its ongoing agitation against the arrest of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the Aam Aadmi Party on Monday launched the 'Modi *ka sabse bada darr* — Kejriwal' display picture (DP) campaign.

"From today 3 pm, all leaders, MLAs, and workers of the Aam Aadmi Party will change their DP to say 'Modi is afraid of Kejriwal'," the party said.

The AAP urged the citizens to do likewise. "Change your DP on all platforms, whether it's WhatsApp, X, Facebook or Instagram, and give the entire country the message that this fight is not just Kejriwal's. It's the fight of the entire nation, a battle to save democracy and the Constitution."

As part of the campaign, all senior party leaders and supporters changed their social media profile DP in support of the AAP chief who is under the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) remand till March 28. The party appealed to citizens to download photos from indiawithkejriwal.com and set them as their DP to raise their voice against the arrest. But at 10.20 pm, there were just 27,434 downloads from the indiawithkejriwal site, indicating the campaign is yet to pick up pace.

The party said those who support the Delhi CM and want to convey the message nationwide that democracy is being 'eliminated' ought to join this campaign and ventilate their 'anger'.

At a press conference here, Delhi minister Atishi said Kejriwal is the only leader in the country who can challenge Prime Minister Narendra Modi and so he was arrested by the ED without any evidence just after the announcement of Lok Sabha polls.

It's a case where even after two years of investigations, not a single paisa of the alleged proceeds of crime has been recovered from any AAP leader, she added.

**PARKING BAR ON 3 ROADS**

With the AAP saying it will gherao the PM's residence on March 26, the Delhi Traffic Police barred vehicles from halting or parking anywhere on Tughlak Road, Safdarjung Road and Kemal Ataturk Marg on Tuesday.

"No vehicle will be allowed to halt or park anywhere on Tughlak Road, Safdarjung Road and Kemal Ataturk Marg; general entry for public will not be allowed; and vehicles found parked on the above roads shall be towed away and prosecuted for improper parking and disobedience," the advisory read

KRPP chief G Janardhana Reddy with BJP leader BS Yediyurappa in Bengaluru on Monday | ALLEN EGENUS J

## KRPP merges with BJP, Reddy to influence voters in KK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FORMER minister and Gangavathi MLA Gali Janardhana Reddy on Monday merged his Kalayan Rajya Pragati Paksha (KRPP) with BJP. This is expected to help the saffron party in some parts of Kalyana Karnataka region.

Reddy rejoined BJP in the presence of former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, BJP state president BY Vijayendra, former Minister B Sriramulu and others. Reddy said he will work for the party and help it win 28 seats in the state. "I have rejoined without any expectations," said Reddy. It was just a month ago that he had backed Congress in the Rajya Sabha elections. Reddy, a mining baron, was associated with former Union Minister, late Sushma Swaraj, who contested against Sonia Gandhi from the Ballari Lok Sabha constituency in 1999. Though Sushma lost, Reddy's association with the party only grew stronger since then. He played an important role in bringing BJP to power in 2008. In 2011, he was sent to jail in a case of illegal mining, but was released on bail in 2015. But he kept out of active politics since 2011. P4

# KUKI-ZOs URGED NOT TO ENTER MANIPUR LOK SABHA POLL FRAY

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

IN a significant development, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) in strife-torn Manipur on Monday urged the Kuki-Zo tribals to refrain from contesting the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in the state.

The ITLF, which has been the voice of the community all along in the ethnic conflict, however, advised the Kuki-Zo tribals to exercise their franchise. "ITLF Presidential Council in consultation with its constituent member tribes have agreed that no member from the Kuki-Zo community should file nomination for the upcoming Lok Sabha election, considering the plight that we are facing," the ITLF said in a statement.

The ethnic violence between Meiteis and Kukis, which broke out on May 3 last year, left 219 people dead and over 60,000 others displaced. The Election Commission said the displaced people, who are lodged in the relief camps, can vote in some special polling stations in the relief camps.

Manipur has two Lok Sabha seats – Inner Manipur and Outer Manipur. The Outer Manipur seat is reserved for Scheduled Tribes. It is made up of 28 of the state's 60 Assembly segments. Twenty of the 28 Assembly seats are spread across Naga and Kuki hills. The remaining eight are located in the foothill areas of Meitei-majority Imphal Valley. The Inner Manipur seat is made up of 32 Assembly constituencies in Imphal Valley. The Outer Manipur seat is currently held by the Naga People's Front (NPF), a party which was born in adjoining Nagaland. The NPF has fielded Timothy Zimik, a Naga, for the seat. The Congress set up former MLA Alfred K Arthur, also a Naga.

The BJP is not contesting in the seat and decided to support the NPF candidate. The BJP is an ally of the NPF in Manipur but not in Nagaland.

**Right to franchise**

"As Indian citizens, we advise our community members to exercise their right to franchise by voting but abstain from contesting from the Outer Manipur seat," the ITLF statement said

**HAPPY COLOURS**

The young and old alike celebrate Holi at Shri Govardhan Nath Haveli in Bengaluru on Monday | ALLEN EGENUS J

**EXPRESS READ**

### Azad's DPAP, two others to stitch anti-I.N.D.I.A front

SRINAGAR: The decision on the formation of a 'third front' in Jammu and Kashmir by three parties - J&K Apni Party of former PDP leader Altaf Bukhari, DPAP of former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, and Peoples Conference of Sajjad Gani Lone - who are all ritical of the I.N.D.I.A bloc, is likely to be taken this week | P10

### ISRO rocket accomplishes zero orbital debris mission

BENGALURU: ISRO on Monday said its Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) has accomplished zero orbital debris mission, and described it "another milestone". This was achieved on March 21, when the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module-3 (POEM-3) met its "fiery end" through a re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere | P5

# Will Cong break its 2-decade-old jinx of not winning LS seats in double digits?

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

AS Congress and BJP eye maximum number of seats out of the total 28 Lok Sabha constituencies in the state, the ruling Congress government is trying to break the party's 20-year-old jinx of not winning seats in double digits in the last four elections.

It was way back in 1999 that the Grand Old Party won 18 seats. In 2004, it dipped to eight, in 2009 it was six and in 2014 nine. In the last election, it was just one. This time, however, the party is confident of at least 20 seats. Congress MLA and vice-chairman of the Election Campaign Committee in KPCC, Rizwan Arshad, said the last year's Assembly poll results and social justice works have given them confidence.

"Our mass connect programmes taken up in the last ten months, including guarantees, will help us win more seats" he said. At the same time, all Southern states are not happy with the "injustice" meted out to them by the Centre in allocating funds. "Also, people's perception of Congress has changed in the last one month as NDA has indulged in corruption, as exposed in the recent electoral bond revelations," he said.

Further, the BJP-JDS alliance will help Congress as regional party workers are not happy with the arrangement. "Workers are feeling dejected and many are joining Congress," he said. P4

## 1 killed, another hurt after crackers explode

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mandya

A 45-year-old man died, while another was seriously injured after firecrackers stored in a jaggery manufacturing unit exploded in G Kebbahalli in Mandya taluk on Monday.

The police said Ramesh, hailing from Tamil Nadu, was killed, while Nagalingu (55) was injured. The firecrackers, purchased from Tamil Nadu, were stored for the celebration of Bore Devara (Kalabhairava) Utsav in Kebbahalli village on Sunday and Monday evening. Both Raju and Ramalingu burst crackers during the celebration on Sunday night. On Monday morning, they were storing them in gunnybags when the crackers caught fire and Raju, who received the maximum impact of the blast, died on the spot.

# *Staff of bank, investment co loot dead woman of ₹13 cr*

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

OFFICIALS of a public sector bank and private investment firms are said to have colluded with each other to allegedly illegally transfer over Rs 13 crore from the account of a deceased woman by opening an account in her name at the branch of the same bank in Tamil Nadu.

The ongoing investigation by the Siddapura police in the city revealed that the officials of State Bank of India (SBI) and employees of private investment firms have transferred Rs 13.15 crore from the account of Shakuntala Venkatappa Krishnappa from the SBI branch on KR Road in Basavanagudi to another account in her name at Manali in Thiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu.

Shakuntala died on August 1, 2019, while the account in Tamil Nadu was opened on March 25, 2022, showing that she had personally visited the branch and opened the account. The culprits allegedly forged the documents and her signature, though there was a mention about her death in the account. After the amount was transferred to the Manali branch, it was split into accounts of around 25 beneficiaries, it is said.

Principal City Civil and Sessions Judge Muralidhara Pai B on March 19 rejected the anticipatory bail petition of one of the accused, Susan Saritha D'Souza alias Suman, working in the Operations Department of Aditya Birla Sunlife Mutual Fund.

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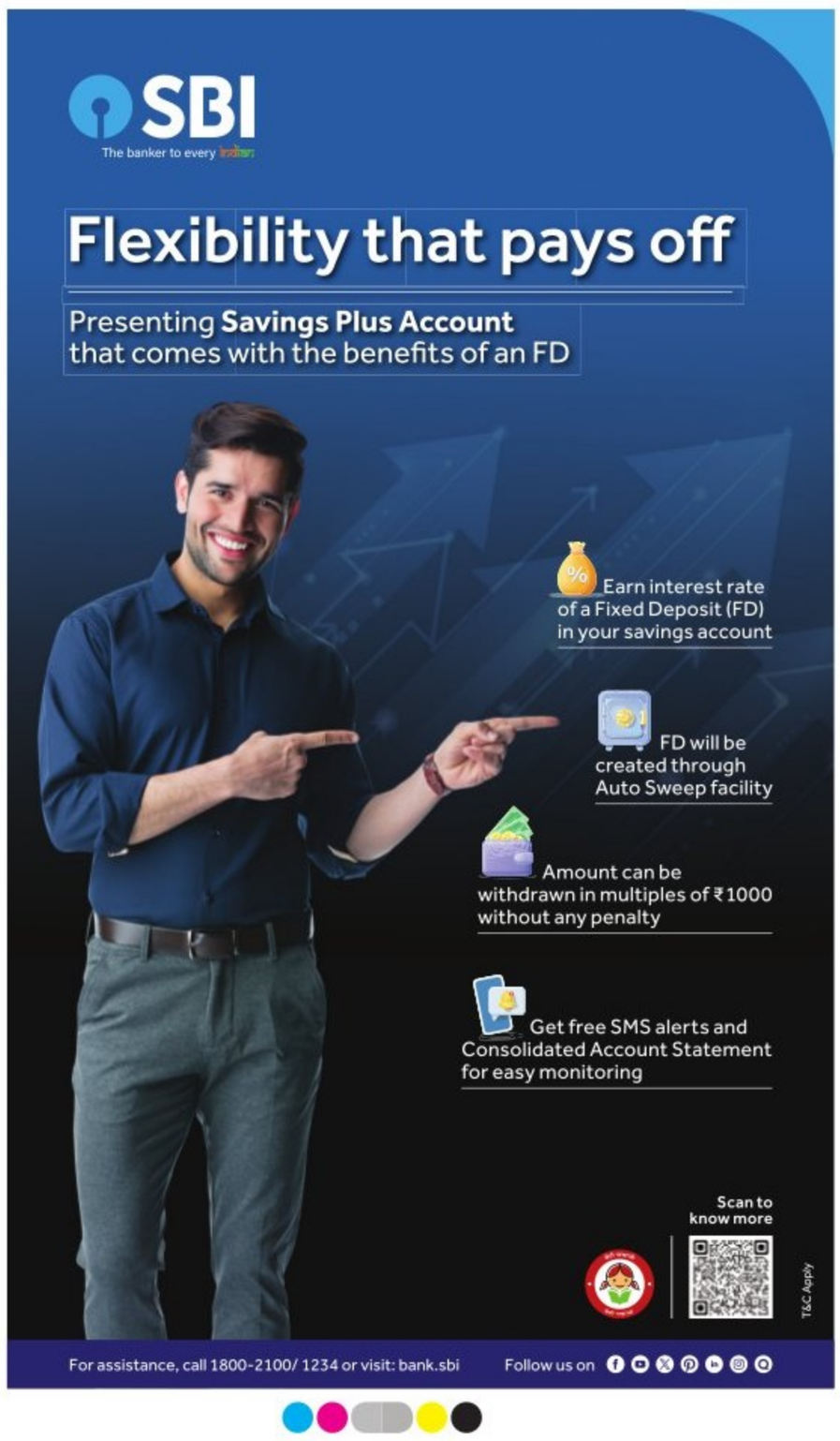
**MADE WILL BEFORE DEATH**

Shakuntala died on August 21, 2019, and had made a will before her demise

**ALMANAC TODAY**
• **Tuesday:** 26/03/2024 • **Year:** Shobhakruta • **Ayana:** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Sishira • **Masa:** Phalguna • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Prathami 1.15 pm • **Nakshatra:** Hastha 12.13 pm • Moon in Tula Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am • **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

**WEATHER** — MIN 20°C | MAX 35°C — **FORECAST** Mostly sunny

Sunrise 06.19 am | Sunset 06.30 pm | Moonrise 07.24 pm | Moonset 06.50 am

# BMRCL to lease out 400 km of OFC

New telecom service operators, Internet service providers, multi system providers from April 1

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

BEGINNING April 1, a new set of telecom operators, internet service providers and multi-system operators will take over the optical fibre cable contract of the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation. This scheme to lease out its excess cables available across its network will incorporate phase-I, phase-1 extensions and Reach-5 of phase-II.

Chief Public Relations Officer, BMRCL, BL Yashwanth Chavan told TNIE, "The current five-year contract expires on March 31. There were seven contractors who availed our cables to provide connectivity to their customers using the Metro network. BMRCL earned an annual non fare box revenue of Rs 4.5 crore from them."

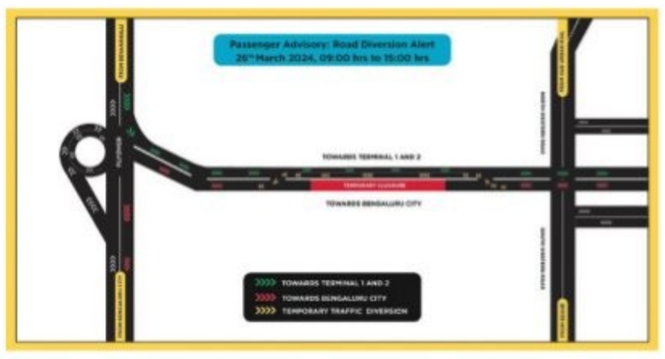
The telecom firms who have been awarded the new contract are Hathway Digital Ltd, Sify Technologies, Shyam Spectra, Hathway Cable and Datacom Ltd. "Sify has quoted the highest bid of of Rs 5,040 per pair km per month and so the rest will also pay the same amount. BMRCL looks at an enhanced revenue of Rs 5 crore from them," Chavan said.

The new contract will cover the RV Road to Bommasandra line, the 42.3 km phase-I and all the extensions launched after that.

The cost of using a cable tray for dropping at the required station by the operator works out to Rs 1,700 per station per month. The fibre maintenance charges come to Rs 700 per pair km per month.

Along with leasing out the space inside its Metro stations for commercial establishments or parking contractors to boost its non-fare revenue, the leasing of cables is expected to fetch it a decent income.

A total of approximately 400km fibre cable laid across the BMRCL network of phase 1 & phase 2 has been leased out.




# Road near KIA to be closed partially today

BENGALURU: Those departing from the Kempegowda International Airport towards Bengaluru City from morning till late afternoon on Tuesday need to watch out. There will be a partial road closure of the Trumpet Connector Road that connects Bengaluru airport and NH-44 on Tuesday (March 26) between 9 am and 3 pm, said airport operator Bangalore International Airport Limited.

In a statement released by it, BIAL said, "The four-lane road will be converted to two lanes to accommodate necessary works. This closure is necessary to ensure the safety of all travellers and personnel."

The traffic moving towards Bengaluru city will be diverted, it added. Details are furnished in the map released by BIAL. As per the map, there is no impact on the traffic heading towards Terminal 1 and Terminal 2.

For further clarification, contact BIAL on 090-22012001 or 66785555 or Whatsapp 8884998888 or e-mail feedback@bialairport.com

## NIMHANS to organise science and art events on World Bipolar Day

Bengaluru: The Centre for Brain and Mind at NIMHANS, in collaboration with the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) and NIMHANS, is all set to host a science and art based event, on World Bipolar Day on March 30, which coincides with the birthday of the renowned artist Vincent Van Gogh. The event seeks to raise awareness about bipolar disorder and mental health through creative expression. Following the workshop, from 1 pm to 4 pm, an Open Art Exhibit featuring artwork exploring mental health themes and pieces crafted by patients from the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services at NIMHANS, will be open to attendees. The exhibition will also provide artists a platform to open up about their experiences, emotions, and insights, offering a profound glimpse into the complexities of life with bipolar disorder.

BETTER MGMT

# BWSSB to install AI to prevent malfunction

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BANGALORE Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) chairman Ram Prasat Manohar on Monday inspected the Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT), modern technology adoption by BWSSB to prevent the collapse of tubewells at Ganga Bhavani Layout of Chinnappa Garden.

According to the BWSSB, the introduction of the same was to extend proper management of water board tubewells. Engineers stated that the latest technology allows automatic turning on only when there is water and automatically turns off otherwise, thus helping in the efficient and scientific management of borewells. Besides, it is also free from frequent technical issues in addition to sustainable usage, opined the BWSSB chairman. BWSSB officials said that there are more than 14,000 tubewells in the city but many of these tubewells dried up owing to inadequate maintenance. "A lot of tubewells are coming for repair now. The motors are kept on even when there is no water, leading to malfunctions. To prevent tubewells from repeated technical glitches, tubewells with AI and IoT were installed on a pilot basis. After evaluation, if the board is satisfied, he technology will be replicated," they added.

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> BWSSB officials

# B'luru celebrates muted Holi festival

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@Bengaluru

THE festival of colours was rather dry in Bengaluru this year given the acute water crisis and restrictions by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) on using Cauvery and borewell water. Residential societies around the city either avoided the celebration altogether or restricted it to only dry colours for a period of only two hours. Many even opted for loose flower petals and celebrated 'Phoolo ki Holi' that did not need any water.

Usually celebrated with a riot of colours, Holi was a much needed sombre affair, many individuals who work in the city and are from other states either travelled back home or to neighbouring states to celebrate, owing to the long weekend. Residential Welfare Association (RWAs) made sure no water wastage instances were reported. In some cases children were allowed to use minimal treated water for a short duration. Many citizens did not mind the lowkey celebrations and opined that festivals are about coming together and being grateful for each other. Some others, indulged in sweets, home cooked dishes, dance and music, leaving out splashing of colours completely. "Most apartments opted for minimal dry colours to reduce water needed to wash, post the celebrations. The government order on rain dances was needed with commercial venues still adding it to their agenda for celebrations. Bangalore Apartments Federation had come up with proactive guidelines, which included an exciting video with compelling options that make it easier for people to switch," said Odette Katrak, co-founder Beautiful Bharat.

Bengalureans celebrate Holi with dry colours, owing to the city's water crisis at Shri Govardhan Nath Haveli on Monday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

# BWSSB stays drilling of 20 illegal borewells

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

AMIDST the water crisis in the city, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) stayed the drilling of 20 illegal borewells and has directed engineers to take action. In a order passed recently, the BWSSB stated that those who drill borewells should obtain permission from the board and also install two percolation pits, else they would be dealt sternly. However, despite strict instructions, residents have been found violating the order.

In one case, a local Congress leader, Manoj Kumar, allegedly drilled a borewell on a lake bed at Vibhuthipura in Talacauvery Layout, which was later posted on X. BWSSB Assistant Executive Engineer Syed Mudassir arrived at the spot and stalled the works before approaching the HAL police. "I filed a petition at the HAL police station regarding the incident, after which the borewell vehicle staff and owner arrived at the station to explain their act," Mudassir added.

Speaking to The New Indian Express, Manoj Kumar, who is in the water tanker business, claimed that he was not drilling the borewell but was redrilling when the old borewell dried up. "I am not guilty and have not done anything wrong. I was only redrilling old borewell," said Kumar. Following the rampant illegal borewell drilling for commercial purposes, the BWSSB asked its engineers to intensify patrolling.

### DAYANANDA SAGAR VARSITY ACCREDITED A+ BY NAAC

Bengaluru: Dayananda Sagar University (DSU) secured an A+ accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in its maiden cycle. DSU is the first and only state private university in south India to achieve this distinction, thus adding to the prestige of Bengaluru and Karnataka. NAAC through its rigorous evaluation process, thoroughly assessed DSU's infrastructure, faculty, curriculum, student support services, research performance, and community engagement. The university offers a diverse range of undergraduate, postgraduate, vocational, executive, and PhD programmes across various faculties. The accreditation underscores DSU's commitment to upholding high standards

# Recycle construction waste to curb climate change: NGO

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

CONSTRUCTION waste is a major problem that persists in India, however, none of the stakeholders including builders, developers and individuals buying commercial and residential spaces are inclined to convert the debris into resourceful materials that can reduce building costs. To address this, Bengaluru-based NGO Saahas Zero Waste (SZW) partnered with Space Matrix, a design consultancy firm to ensure sustainable disposal of construction waste across its projects. The initiative, Re:Source, aims to integrate circular economy concepts into construction and demolition (C&D) waste management in India starting with Bengaluru and a few other cities.

The firm will segregate construction waste at the source level after which Saahas with minimal processing through its partners convert the waste into the same or other types of materials. This recycling will have a positive impact on the environment and be cost-effective for stakeholders. Usually, construction materials cost 50-60 percent of a project's budget.

Akshay Lakhanpal, CEO, Space Matrix, said, "Despite existing policy frameworks like the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016, responsible disposal remains a daunting challenge in India. Through our collaboration, we have taken proactive steps to lead this change. We discussed the project's objective and details with our clients, and they were completely on board to work with us to reduce the environmental impact of the construction waste and comply with the regulations."

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> Akshay Lakhanpal, CEO, Space Matrix

In its pilot project for a brownfield fit-out (already constructed land) in the city for an area which spanned 19,570 square feet, it generated over 43 tonnes of waste between August and November 2023. During the project use of effective recycling and reuse methodologies resulted in a 48 per cent reduction in landfill waste. There was also a reduction of 15.5 tonnes of CO2 emissions, 20.5 tonnes of materials were recycled, and 0.4 tonnes were sent for co-processing.

Currently, India accounts for 35 percent to 40 percent of construction waste globally, but just about 1% of the waste materials are recycled, and the rest end up in landfills. The green building certification lists that 85-95% of the recycling rate should be achieved during construction but doesn't.

"The segregated waste can be of different types such as plywood, concrete, ceiling and floor tiles, insulation frameworks and more. In the future, we want to be able to build a robust ecosystem where we can recycle this material and use it in our own projects so that we become completely sustainable. Currently, there are limitations and loopholes in the system that need to be addressed," said Sandhya Hegde, Head -Operations, Sustainable Solutions, Space Matrix.

Meanwhile, Shobha Raghavan, COO Saahas Zero Waste, speaking about the urgency for recycling said in the context of India's overall C&D waste, these circular economy principles can significantly address environmental concerns and contribute to the fight against climate change.

# Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

**26TH March : If there was anyone driving the world today, then they'd have trouble changing gear. With the Sun and Moon both in wild, adventurous, care-free moods, many of us may be saying one thing and doing another. Ah well, you can't have everything! Rome wasn't built in a day, as they say!**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It is pleasant to find not one, not two but three planets, totally and beneficially aligned with your sign. My prognostication for personal affairs can therefore only be good. But to help yourself, may I urge you to sail through life with a smile?

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The continuing relationship between Venus, planet of love, and Jupiter, ruler of expansion, should lift your morale and expand your romantic horizons. Please remember that you may feel as sentimental about places as about people, and a nostalgic journey could be just the thing to restore your morale.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)
You are in an extremely strong position to air your grievances - as long as you are diplomatic. What's more, you can also do something about them. Other people may object but, if they're honest with themselves, they'll realise the truth about the situation. And not before time, you might think!

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)
This is hardly a convenient time in many respects, but then you're used to juggling different arrangements and contradictory pressures. The trouble is that you could run up large bills without noticing. So, keep an eye on potential social costs.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You may keep your attention on long-term ambitions, but vary your strategy. Perhaps you can forget about making the grade for a while and concentrate on offering other people a helping hand. Your future is assured, but theirs is not. Realise that, while partners' difficulties may seem small to you, to them they will soon seem insuperable.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Extroverted, outgoing influences combine in equal measure with introverted, inward-looking ones. Perhaps this means that you'll take control in secret. It could also mean that this is an ideal day for spiritual reflection - or just for spending time by yourself.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Your social stars are supreme, encompassing the entire range of human contacts under their beneficial glow, from casual meetings with strangers to passionate encounters of the most intimate kind. Why not let your barriers down and enjoy yourself?

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Make an early start and set your sights high, as high, in fact, as you possibly can. If professional schemes are afoot, today's prospects are as near perfect as you can expect this week. It's important to cultivate friendly relation-ships, even with rivals.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You should be able to move one step closer to your aims at home, which means that you should now level with loved ones and explain your intentions. Rather than try and fill in all the facts, give people a general picture, and let them share your vision of a better future.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You should find it much easier to improve any ties which have held you back at work. You could also find that there are just not enough hours in the day! Over-commit yourself if necessary: take on more than you can cope with now and you'll learn a million vital lessons for the future!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You will need all the charm you can muster if you are to save yourself from a financial hole, or maximise the impact of a brilliant bargain. I don't need to remind you that it's appearances which count when you're deciding between different people - and when they're judging you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Bearing in mind that the truth is relative, and means different things to different people, you must decide how much of what you know to give away. I suspect that there is little harm in dispensing the facts, but I should imagine you'll be far more cagey with your feelings.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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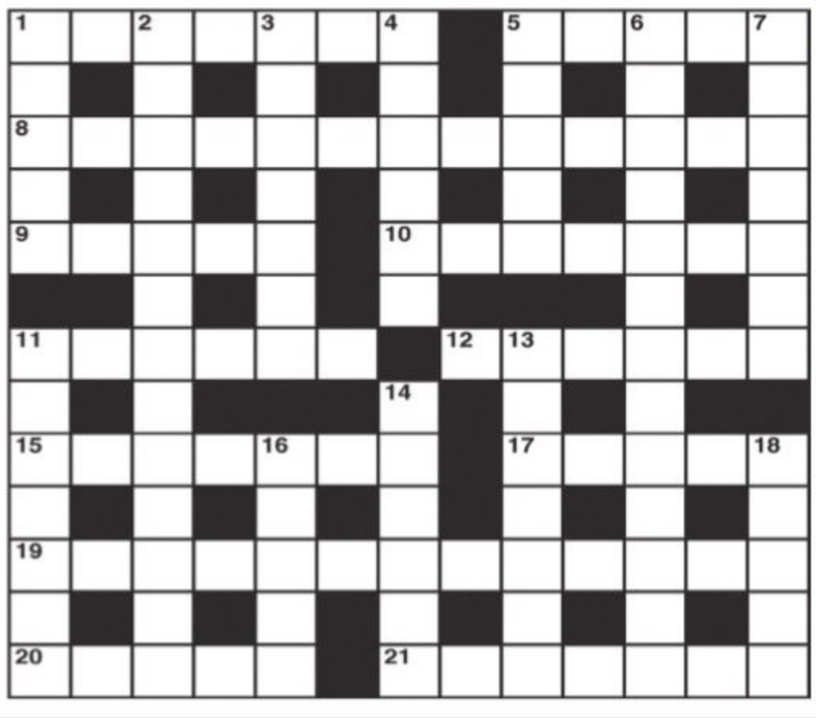
## SUDOKU MEDIUM

**TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE**

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS**
1 Head of chemistry in wrong university department (7)
5 Artist when old retires south (5)
8 Broken promise leads to religious schism (6,2,5)
9 Record membership (5)
10 Iris lends colour to it (7)
11 Composer from Harlem (6)
12 Architectural highlight (6)
15 Fear of redundancy drove him to breaking point (7)
17 On which one may develop one's views? (5)
19 A man whose career lies in ruins (13)
20 Little Diana, modest but very attractive (5)
21 Royal train perhaps? (7)

**DOWN**
1 It isn't true it comes to a moral conclusion (5)
2 Put the cards away and get ready for action (5,3,5)
3 Unusual clue I'll need for her (7)
4 The ancient warning for small farmers (6)
5 He wrote of French adversary (5)
6 Get in to obtain a confession (4,9)
7 Erudite professor or one of his proteges (7)
11 Get duck from shopping precinct beside a road (7)
13 One up to making you become communicative (4,3)
14 A way to divert people? (6)
16 Laity out abroad (5)
18 Turner writes bilingual articles (5)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1 Sight, 8 Diminish, 9 Fatal, 10 Joystick, 11 Swell, 12 Eft, 16 Magnum, 17 Inroad, 18 Use, 23 State, 24 Livelong, 25 Shady, 26 Cul-de-sac, 27 Stand.

**Down:** 2 In a sweat, 3 Headland, 4 Tipoff, 5 First, 6 Pikie, 7 Shake, 12 Emu, 13 Tie, 14 Crotchet, 15 Waited on, 19 Sundae, 20 Block, 21 Uvula, 22 Alien.

## JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

BROTI

NIPTR

MTROPP

LNIMEB

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " " " "

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RELIC GLOAT FATTEN NAUSEA
Answer: Saying Alaska is larger than Texas, California and Montana combined is — "STATE-ING" A FACT

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A 40-year-old truck driver died on the spot while the cleaner sustained injuries after the vehicle rammed into a Metro pillar. The incident occurred near Meenakunte on the Kempegowda International Airport Road on Sunday night. The deceased, identified as Syed Khan, was driving the steel-laden truck bearing a Rajasthan registration number, and was allegedly overspeeding

# HC: ONGOING EXAMS FOR STD 5, 8,9 CAN'T BE TERMED BOARDS

## Says it's violation of provisions of RTE Act

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court has opined that the ongoing 'board examinations'/ summative assessments-2 for Classes 5, 8 and 9 cannot be termed board examinations just because the question papers have been prepared by the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB).

A division bench of Justices K Somashekar and Rajesh Rai K made the observation in an order dated March 22, while allowing the appeals filed by the state government against the quashing of the exams scheduled by KSEAB for Classes 5, 8, 9 and 11 by a single judge.

The court noted that when the examinations are held with the provisions of the no expulsion policy, in no manner they can be considered the board exam and they are in violation of the provisions of the RTE Act, 2009.

The court said it is not in concurrence with the arguments of the respondents (Registered Unaided Private Schools Management Association and RTE Students and Parents Association) that conducting an examination would hamper the wellbeing of the children and also hamper their growth. But it opined that the adoption of the assessment method would prepare and equip the students for the upcoming board examinations. The ongoing exams only appear to be assessments that are made under the provisions of Section 16 of the RTE Act and the state is empowered to appoint the KSEAB to manage them, it said.

The court said that as per Section 2 (a) (ii) (A) of the RTE Act, it is the state government which is the appropriate government that is mandated with the responsibility to carry out the objectives of the RTE Act. When this is read in conjunction with the provisions of Section 2 (7) of the KEA, the state government is empowered to appoint the competent authority (KSEAB) by way of notifications, to oversee the examinations, it added.

Differentiating the board examinations and assessments by KSEAB, it said that except the question papers are prepared by the KSEAB, no other provisions would show that the student is made to feel the exam as a board exam to put pressure on them. Moreover, to consider an exam is board exam, the primary requirement would be that the result of the exam would be publicly displayed and the impact of which would be that the student who failed in the main exam and reexamination is made to sit in the same class which in itself is a serious consequence not only to the mind of the students, but also for their future. Further, the valuation of the answer scripts of the board exams will be conducted by the external faculty, but in the present assessment examination, the evaluation will be conducted by the internal faculty, the court added.

**COOLING DOWN**

With the city witnessing scorching summer heat, a palm fruit vendor witnesses high demand for the refreshing fruit | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

# Home-alone elderly woman robbed

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

A 60-year-old home-alone woman was gagged and robbed in broad daylight at her house by a gang of three armed miscreants near Kengeri. The victim, Padmavathi Pateel, had left her door unlocked before going to bring dried clothes from her terrace, and was shocked to find three men inside her house when she came down.

As she stepped in, the accused bolted the doors from inside, tied and gagged her with insulation tape and locked her inside the bathroom. The accused who were in the house for more than 15 minutes took gold jewellery from the cupboard, before fleeing.

Padmavathi, a resident of H Gollahalli village near Kengeri, was robbed on Friday between 11.15 and 11.30 am. Of the three accused, one threatened the victim with a knife, while the other two searched the house to find 260 grams of gold worth around Rs 15 lakh and Rs 55,000 in cash.

After the accused left, the victim managed to remove the tape and scream for help. Her neighbour, Sunanda, rushed to her aid. Padmavathi found the gold and cash stolen, and filed a complaint. Kaggalipura police have registered a case.

"The unidentified accused are yet to be arrested. It is learnt they were speaking in Kannada, and were aged 25-30 years. The victim has not been attacked in the robbery," an officer part of the investigations said.

A case of robbery (IPC 392) with attempt to cause death or grievous hurt (IPC 397) has been registered. Further investigations are on.

EXPRESS READ

### 3 held for attacking family over parking of auto

Three suspects have been arrested for reportedly attacking a family of six, over parking of an auto rickshaw in front of the victims' house at Pragathipura in KS Layout police limits on Sunday evening. A complaint has been filed by Sukumar, an auto driver, against Syed Thaha, another auto driver, who is also Sukumar's neighbour. The KS Layout police arrested Kareem, Afreen Pasha and Syed Thaha. Syed allegedly refused to move his vehicle parked in front of Sukumar's house, which resulted in a verbal altercation between him and Sukumar's family. Following a heated argument, Syed is alleged to have brought over 20 men to attack Sukumar and his family. The accused barged into Sukumar's house and beat up the residents, including two women, who were also robbed of their gold jewellery and mobile phones. Three other members are hospitalised. ENS

### Adoption case: Sonu Gowda in judicial custody

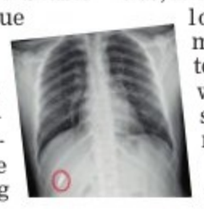
Kannada Bigg Boss OTT fame Sonu Srinivas Gowda alias Shambhavi (29), who was arrested on charges of illegal adoption has been remanded to judicial custody. Sonu was produced before the judge of a city court by the Byadarahalli police on Monday. She has been remanded to judicial custody till April 8. Sonu was arrested on Friday, following a complaint from an official of the Child Welfare Department on charges of illegal adoption of an eight-year-old girl from Raichur. After her arrest, the police took her into custody for four days. She was taken to the girl's house in Raichur on Sunday for spot mahazar. The incident came to light after she disclosed the identity of the child on social media. The complaint was filed by J Geetha, from the Child Protection Unit of Bengaluru West. She had claimed innocence, stating that she was not aware of the adoption procedure. ENS

# Docs remove bullet lodged in Yemeni man for 2 yrs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 21-year-old man from Yemen underwent a rare procedure to successfully extract a bullet lodged in his chest wall for close to two years.

Wasim (name changed) endured multiple gunshot wounds, one of which resulted in a bullet becoming lodged in his right lung. In Yemen, Wasim had his arm fracture and shoulder issues addressed. However, doctors were unable to locate the bullet due to its proximity to surrounding organs.



Wasim had come to Bengaluru after reading about similar surgeries available in the city. Upon seeking medical attention, he showed symptoms including persistent cough, breathing difficulties, and blood in sputum. Following an X-ray, a metallic object was detected within the chest wall, despite the absence of external injury signs.

The subsequent CT chest imaging revealed the presence of a 4x2x2 cm bullet that had transversed obliquely, embedding itself amidst the lung, liver, heart and diaphragm.

Dr Diwakar Bhat, Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgeon at Aster RV Hospital, executed the two-long surgery where he extracted the bullet while ensuring that other organs are not harmed.

# 3 men killed over treasure, two arrested

TUMAKURU: Police have solved the murder of three men who were found charred to death in a car near here by arresting two men. Six others are still at large.

Key accused Patharaju (35) alias Raju alias Rajaguru Kumar, a self-proclaimed priest of Sira Gate here and Gangaraju (35) of Sathyamangala, have been arrested. SDPI member Sahul (45), Issac (56) and Siddique (34), all from Belthangady taluk, were killed on February 22.

Patharaju had taken Rs 6 lakh from the victims promising to give them gold treasure which he claimed to have found in a field. When he did not fulfill his promise, the victims demanded that he return their money.

Through Gangaraju, the priest hired six persons to kill the victims. They packed the bodies inside the car and took it to the Kuchangi tank bed and set it on fire.


## The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

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**Authorised Officer's Details:** Annexure – 2
**Name: Ramesh M.V.**
**E-mail: ramesh.mv@ncbl.org.in Mobile No: 7349784525, Land Line No: Office – 080 – 22421998/22421999**

**NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY**

**SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)**

The undersigned as Authorised Officer of The National Co Operative Bank Limited has taken over possession of the schedule property u/s 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule is available for sale through Private Treaty at **The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Administrative Office, No. 73/1 Gandhi Bazar Main Road, Bengaluru-560004** on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".**

**"Standard terms & conditions for sale Immovable Property through Private Treaty are as under:"**

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".**
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit 25% of the sale consideration on the next working day of receipt of Bank's acceptance of offer for purchase of property and the remaining amount within 15 days thereafter.
3. The purchaser has to submit an application on or before Auction Date quoting the offered amount for purchase of the scheduled property which shall not be less than the Reserve Price fixed by the Bank along with the 10% of the offered amount which will be adjusted against 25% of the deposit to be made as per clause (2) above.
4. Failure to remit the amount as required under clause (2) above, will cause forfeiture of amount already paid including 10% of the amount paid along with application.
5. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest.
6. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims / rights / dues.
7. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through Private Treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
8. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
9. In case of more than one offer, the Bank will accept the highest offer.
10. The interested parties may contact the Authorized Officer for further details / clarifications and for submitting their application.
11. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee and other expenses, taxes, duties in respect of purchase of the property.
12. This is also notice to the (Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor) of the aforesaid loan dues about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if the dues are not repaid in full.
13. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act / Rules.
14. The Bidders should present 15 minutes before the start of Auction.
15. The intending bidders may visit / inspect the properties on all working days between **10.00 AM to 5.00 PM,** before the auction date.
16. Place of Auction: **The National Co Operative Bank Ltd.** Administrative Office, No.73/1, Gandhi Bazar Main Road, Bengaluru 560004.
17. The property is put for sale on the condition **"AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS "and" NO RECOURSE " basis.** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, Ownership, Statutory approvals, encumbrances, claims etc., in regard to the property. The Bidder has to bear the Registration Charges, Stamp Duty, Cess, Sales Tax (if applicable) and any other statutory dues or other dues like Municipal Tax, Electricity Charges, Water Connection Charges, Land use conversion charges, Society Charges, Maintenance Charges, Akrama / Sakrama and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates and any outgoings relating to the property.

| Sl. No. | Name and address of Borrower and Guarantors | Debt due (as on 29.02.2024 plus future interest from 01.03.2024 and other charges costs from thereon) | Date and Time of Auction | Description of the Property | Reserve Price (below which the properties will not be sold) |
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| 1 | **(1) M/s SAP Industries,** No. 7, 4Th A Cross, Pete Chennappalndl. Est., Kaveripura, Kamakshipalya,Bengaluru 560079. **(2) Sri. SreeRangaRao L. (3)Smt. Jayashree H S.** No. 5, 6th Cross, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Bengaluru 560079. **(4) Sri. Srinivasa M.S. (5)SmtSujatha B.** No.17, 2nd Main, 11th Cross,BK Nagar, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru 560022. | **Rs. 29,83,000/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Only)** | 15-04-2024 11.00 AM | **Schedule A:** All that part and parcel of the property bearing **PID No. 21-49-5, Municipal No. 5, (Old No. 5, Re-N0. 13), 6th Cross, AgraharaDasarahalli, Magadi Road, BBMP Ward No. 21, Present Ward No.105, (Bengaluru City Corporation Old Ward No. 2 & 16), Bengaluru.** Measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 28 Feet, Totally Measuring 840 Sq. Feet. Having Ground, 1st and 2nd Floor Building built thereon. Bounded by : **East by:** Road, **West by:** Property of Puttashyamachar, **North by:** Property of Rangachar, **South by:** Road. **Schedule B: 1st Floor, Property No.5/1, BBMP Ward No.105, Ward No.21, Industrial Town, PID No.21-49-5/1, 6th Cross, AgraharaDasarahalli, Bengaluru-560079. Having 50 % Undivided Rights,Title, Interest, Claims, Demands Etc., Owned by Sri. Sreerangarao L.** HavingRCC Roofed House in 1st Floor and 1 Room in 2nd Floor. Including Common Passage, Stairs and other utilities mentioned in Schedule- A Property. Also having Right to expand / Construct the building in second floor and also construct a building above the second floor. | **Reserve Price : Rs.42,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Only) EMD Amount : Rs.4,20,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only) Bid Increment : Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)** |
| 2 | **(1)M/s. SreeSreenivasa Jewellers Office at-** No.998, 50 Feet Road, BSK 3rd Stage, 3rd Phase, 1st Block, Near Water Tank, Katriguppe, Bengaluru-560085. **And also: M/s SreeSreenivasa Jewellers,** No.37/1, Nagarthpet Main Road, Bengaluru-560 053. **(2) Sri. SrinivasG.T (3)Smt. Shakunthala.N (3.1) Sri.AbhilashG.S (3.2) Sri.AbhishekG.S (4) Sri. G.TGirish All are residing at** No.20/1, 11/1 4th Cross, N.R Colony, Bengaluru-560019. | **Rs. 24,68,41,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Crore Sixty Eight Lakhs Forty One Thousand Only)** | 15.04.2024 12.00 PM | **Property No.1:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **No.634/61, Present BBMP Katha No.99, 6th Main road, 4th Cross, ShivaramaKaranth Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru-19.** Owned by Sri.Srinivas G.T. Measuring East to West 61Feet, North to South 52+54/2 feet, Totally measuring 3,233Sqft with 8600 Sq.ft building and bounded on as follows: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.540, **North by:** Site No.635, **South by:** Road. | **Reserve Price : Rs. 7,00,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Crores Only) EMD Amount : Rs. 70,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Lakhs Only) Bid Increment : Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only)** |
| | | | 15-04-2024 1.00 PM | **Property No.2:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **No.20/1, & 11/1 4th Cross, N.R Colony, Bengaluru.** Owned by Sri.SrinivasG.T, and Smt.Shakunthala.N, Measuring East to West 32 Feet, North to South 100 feet, Totally Measuring 3,200 Sq.Ft. with 7,600 Sq.ft building and bounded on as follows: **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** 2.50 M Wide Cement Slab covered by SWD, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Road. | **Reserve Price: Rs.8,08,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Crore Eight Lakhs Only) EMD Amount : Rs.80,80,000/- (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only) Bid Increment : Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only)** |

**Note :** The intending bidders may contact Authorised Officer or Concerned Branch managers for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property. **(1) Smt. Rama S, Assistant General Manager, Gandhi Bazar Branch, Mobile No.7349784526. (2) Smt. Lakshmi B A, Deputy Manager, AgraharaDasarahalli Branch, Mobile No: 9901985936.**

**Date: 25.03.2024**
**Place: Bengaluru**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**



## PUNJAB & SIND BANK

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
ZONAL OFFICE, 770-A, First Floor, Dewa Tower-I, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002.

**REQUIRE OFFICE PREMISES**

Bank invites offers under two bid system, Technical Bid & Financial Bid for **carpet area of 1700-2000 Sq. Ft** (including area for installation of onsite ATM within total rent) **at Ground Floor** on lease basis for a minimum period of 15 years for its **Branch Office JC Road Bangalore (In and around JC Road Bangalore area within 2-3 Kms radius).** For details, visit our website: **www.punjabandsindbank.co.in.**
The bids can be obtained in person between 10.00 a.m to 5.00 p.m from **26.03.2024 up to 20.04.2024** (from Monday to Friday and on 1st & 3rd Saturdays) from the Zonal Office or may be download from Bank's Website: **www.punjabandsindbank.co.in.**

**Sd/-**
**Zonal Manager**

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**Information Technology Department**
**Central Office: 763, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002**

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**GOVERNMENT E-MARKET PORTAL-PROCUREMENT OF IMPERVA DATABASE ACTIVITY MONITORING TOOL**
**BID NO: GEM/2024/B/4813686**
**DATED: 22.03.2024**

The Above GEM Tender document is also available and can be downloaded from the following websites **www.iob.in & www.gem.gov.in**
For Tender details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the following website **www.gem.gov.in**



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**HEBBAGODI BRANCH**
APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6) & 9(1)]

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

**Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and the Guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Hebbagodi Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** on **18.04.2024** at **11.00 A.M** for recovery of **Rs.50,05,206.00/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh Five Thousand Two Hundred and Six Only) as on 29.02.2024** with further interest from **01.03.2024** and expenses due to **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Hebbagodi Branch** from the **Borrower, M/s.S.S.Traders,** No.81, Ground Floor, 4th Cross, R.K. Lakeview Layout, Bommasandra, Bengaluru–560099 and its **Managing Partner/Guarantor, Mr.C.Rithik Shekar,** S/o.Mr.M.S.Chandra Sekar, R K City No.08, Kanchanayakana Halli, Hennagara Post, Anekal Taluk, Hebbagodi, Bengaluru Rural District–560105 and its Partner/Guarantor/ Mortgagor, **Mr.T.Srinivasa,** S/o Mr.Thimmaiah, Door No.2203/65 New D.No.D-10 1st Cross, Medhar Block, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysore Bamboo Bazar, Mysuru- 570001.

**The Reserve Price will be Rs.73,50,000/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Fifty Thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.7,35,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Only).**

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| Place of Submission of EMD and Auction | **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd. Mysuru Branch,** Door No.331, N.S.Road,Devaraja Mohalla, Mysuru – 570 001. |
| Date and Time of Auction Sale | **18.04.2024 at 11.00 A.M** |
| Reserve Price (Upset Price) | **Rs.73,50,000/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Fifty Thousand only)** |

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

Land to the extent of **1750 sq.ft** situated at Property **Site No.92, Corporation Door No.2203/65, New Door No.D-10,** Medhar Block, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysore and residential building constructed thereat including all amenities standing in the name of Mr.T.Srinivasa, S/o.Thimmaiah. Boundaries: **North:** Property No.91, **South:** Property No.93, **East:** MUDA Land, **West:** Road.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website **(www.tmb.in).**

**Note: (1)** The Borrower/ Mortgagor **Mr.T.Srinivasa has executed a Gift Deed in favour of his wife Mrs.T.Mangala vide Document No.7465/2023-24 dated 21.11.2023.** As our bank is having prior mortgage charge over the mortgaged property, we have brought the property for sale.

**(2) Mrs.T.Mangala wife of Mr.T.Srinivasa, has filed maintenance petition before the Hon'ble Principal Civil Judge and JMFC Court, Mysuru in C.Mis.No.533/2022** seeking interim order over the mortgaged property. As, we are having first mortgage charge over the mortgaged property and there is no interim order of stay/injunction in the said petition over the mortgage property, we have brought the property for auction sale.

**Place : Bengaluru**
**Date : 25.03.2024**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited**
**Bengaluru Region (For Hebbagodi Branch)**



## Bank of Baroda

Premises Dept, Zonal Office, Vijaya Towers, 41/2, 2nd Floor, M.G Road, Trinity Circle, Bengaluru-560001. Ph No. 25011569

**REQUIREMENT OF PREMISES ON LEASE/RENTAL BASIS**

Bank of Baroda invites proposals/offers from the owners having clear and marketable titles over land and built-up property with the carpet area of 1800 to 2500 sq.ft on ground floor for housing Koramangala Branch with all facilities including adequate power supply. Offer should be valid for a minimum period of 180 days from the date of opening the tender. The intending offerer shall submit their offers in two separate sealed covers superscribed as "Technical bid" and "Financial bid" to the following address: The Zonal Head, Bank of Baroda, 2nd floor, Zonal Office, Vijaya Towers, Trinity Circle, MG Road, Bengaluru-560001 on or before **10.04.2024** by 15.00 hrs. For details, please login on Tender section of our website **(http://www.bankofbaroda.com).**

**Date: 21.03.2024**
**Place: Bengaluru**

**Sd/-**
**Zonal Head, Bank of Baroda, Bengaluru**



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the property described at Schedule hereunder, on assurance of its respective present owner that, she has not encumbered the schedule property in any way in favour of anybody.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | East | West | North | South |
| 1 | Smt. Nagarathnamma w/o late D Krishnamurthy | 21/3A Amani Marasandra | 1 Acre 06.08 Guntas | Sy.No. 22/2 & 22/1 | Sy.No. 21/4 & 21/5 | Remaining portion of Same Sy.No. | Sy.No. 21/2 & 21/3B |
| 2 | Smt. Nagarathnamma w/o late D Krishnamurthy | 21/2 Amani Marasandra | 10 Guntas | Sy.No. 22/1 | Sy.No. 21/3B | Sy.No. 21/3A | Sy.No. 17/1 |

Item No. 1 & 2 properties situated at Amani Marasandra Village, Hesaragatta-2 Hobali, Yalahanka Taluk.

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## DLF NEW TOWN HEIGHTS KAKKANAD CONDOMINIUM OWNERS WELFARE SOCIETY, SEAPORT AIRPORT ROAD, KAKKANAD, KOCHI -682037

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**Provision of FACILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES at DLF NTH, Kakkanad**

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| 1 | Scope of the tender | **Provision of comprehensive Facility Management Services at DLF New Town Heights, Kakkanad** |
| 2 | Type of the tender | Open and Two Bid System |
| 3 | Start of sale of Tender doc | 26 Mar 2024 |
| 4 | Pre Bid meeting | 08 Apr 2024 |
| 5 | Last date and time of submission of duly filled Tender documents | 25 Apr 2024- 5 PM |
| 6 | Mode of submission of duly filled Tender documents | Drop into 'Tender box' at the office of NTH or by Registered/ Courier to The Secretary, DLF New Town Heights, Seaport Airport Road, Kakkanad, Kochi, Kerala -682037 |
| 7 | Price of Tender Document | Rs.10,000 (Non Refundable) by Bank transfer. Details with reference be intimated |
| 8 | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | Rs. 1,00,000 (One Lakh only) Refundable without interest |
| 9 | Scope of work | Details in Tender document |
| 10 | Bank Transfer details | New Town Heights Condominium Owners Welfare Society, Axis Bank, Kochi 682037, Savings A/c No. 923010072805975, IFSC code UTIB0001161, MICR code 682211008 |
| 11 | Contact person | **Mr .Raghunathan V,** Society Mgr, Mob 9746653992, email: societynthkcows@gmail.com |


QuoteExpress **WITHOUT HARD WORK, NOTHING GROWS BUT WEEDS** › GORDON B HINCKLEY

Tumakuru Lok Sabha BJP candidate V Somanna faced an embarrassing situation, due to a ruckus between BJP and JDS workers at a coordination meeting held in Turuvekere on Monday. The supporters of sitting JDS MLA M T Krishnappa and former BJP MLA Masale Jayaram had an argument. Somanna tried to intervene, but in vain

# Top BJP leaders busy pacifying unhappy party netas

BSY, Bommai, Vijayendra, Ashoka, all working hard to bring in sense of calm ahead of campaigning

BJP state president BY Vijayendra greets attendees at a state-level workshop of the BJP Media and Social Media Cell, in Bengaluru on Monday. BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla (left) is also seen | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

EVEN as the Lok Sabha elections are approaching fast, senior leaders in BJP, including former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, are busy pacifying unhappy leaders within the party.

Yediyurappa, who already met such disgruntled senior leaders earlier last week, is continuing to meet more such leaders. On Monday, Yediyurappa, who was at his residence in Bengaluru, tried to negotiate and convince leaders from Davanagere, including Harihar MLA BP Harish and former MLA Jagaluru Ramachandrappa. Local BJP leaders are unhappy that the sitting MP's wife Gayathri Siddeshwara has been picked for the constituency. Former MLAs MP Renukacharya and SA Ravindranath were, however, absent at the meeting. Yediyurappa is expected to visit Davanagere soon to meet these leaders and convince them.

Koppal MP Karadi Sanganna and his supporters met former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai, who tried to pacify them. Bommai, who is a candidate from Haveri, later told reporters that the MP's followers told him about the injustice meted out to their leader. "Their feelings will be brought to the notice of party bosses," he said. He tried to convince them and appealed to them to work for the party, Bommai added.

Ever since the party announced Union Minister for State Bhagawanth Khuba as the candidate from Bidar, there has been discontent among BJP leaders, including former minister Prabhu Chavan. Leader of Opposition R Ashoka, who was in Bidar, met party leaders and convinced them to work unitedly.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra, who played a major role in the 2019 bypoll at KR Pete, will visit Mandya on Tuesday and meet BJP workers and urge them to extend their support to the JDS candidate. A BJP senior leader, requesting anonymity, said, "We are aware of leaders expressing their displeasure over the distribution of tickets. Our leaders are meeting them in person and trying to convince them. We wanted to make it clear before we start the actual campaigning."

### BJP files plaint with CEO against Tangadagi remark

Bengaluru: BJP leaders on Monday filed a complaint with the Chief Electoral Officer (Karnataka) against Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi for his remarks against PM Narendra Modi. The minister, who made the alleged remarks recently, had said Modi promised to create 20 crore new jobs, but when youth approached him, he told them to sell pakodas. "Such people should feel shame. Slap those who chant Modi's name," Tangadagi had stated. In its complaint, BJP said the minister is trying to instigate voters. "He is telling voters to take to assaulting. This is nothing but violation of the MCC. The Election Commission should take note of it and take action against him. The Commission should also ban Tangadagi from campaigning," it stated.

### Coordinate with BJP for NDA win: HDK to JDS leaders

Bengaluru: Karnataka JDS president HD Kumaraswamy has appealed to his party leaders to work in coordination with BJP leaders to ensure the victory of NDA candidates in all the 28 Lok Sabha segments of the state. In a formal letter to his party leaders, Kumaraswamy has said that though JDS and BJP have their different political ideologies, they must give emphasis on ensuring proper coordination at all levels and not criticise any individuals, community, or religion. He also appealed to them to give more emphasis to issues that concern the common man like the Kannada language, Karnataka's regional concerns, irrigation, farmers' issues, and so on.

# Minister says voters won't accept HDK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mandya

With JDS contemplating fielding either state party chief HD Kumaraswamy or his son Nikhil from the Mandya Lok Sabha segment, the Congress has decided to play the "outsider versus local" card to seek votes for its candidate Venkataramane Gowda a.k.a Star Chandru.

Speaking to reporters at Chandru's residence in Mandya on Monday, Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy, while referring to Kumaraswamy, said that in the history of elections in the district, people have never accepted an outsider. "Kumaraswamy on various occasions had claimed that he would never leave Ramanagara which made him the CM thrice. Now he is planning to leave Ramanagara to contest from Mandya. It is not yet clear whether he or his son will contest from Mandya," the minister said, adding that Chandru is a local leader.

"There are no incidents where outsiders were able to control the people of Mandya through their emotional statements. We have respect for Kumaraswamy as he is the son of former PM HD Deve Gowda. But outsiders cannot emotionally blackmail the people of Mandya. People will vote for the Congress candidate for the development programmes initiated by the State Government," he said. On sitting MP Sumalatha Ambareesh contesting as an Independent from Mandya, Chaluvarayaswamy said that the Congress never asked her to contest as an Independent nor there had been any discussion with her. "Her decision to contest is her personal decision," he added.

### 'Narayanagowda to join Cong'

Minister Chaluvarayaswamy said that former minister KC Narayanagowda will soon join the Congress along with his supporters from KR Pet taluk. "The time for his joining the Congress is yet to be finalised," he said. MLA P Ravikumar and candidate Venkataramane Gowda were present.

POLL PLOY?

# DROUGHT RELIEF AND WHY K'TAKA APPROACHED SC

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@Bengaluru

KARNATAKA has approached the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Centre to release Rs 18,171 crore drought relief to the state under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

**Why the state approached sc?**

After approaching the Centre with three memorandums between September and November 2023 and meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 19 and Home Minister Amit Shah on December 20, Karnataka found that none of its efforts yielded results. Then Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chose the legal route. "Not even a paisa was released to the state," he had said.

"After exhausting all our options, we have exercised our statutory right under Article 32 of the Constitution with a writ petition as the Centre failed to render the financial assistance to the state which is its obligation under Disaster Management Act 2005," Siddaramaiah said while justifying the decision to approach the SC.

He said the state government has given Rs 2,000 each to 33,44,000 farmers by releasing Rs 650 crore from the state's treasury, released Rs 450 crore for fodder and Rs 870 crore for drinking water.

In its writ petition, the state government made the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) respondent No. 1 as it had to decide on releasing the NDRF funds. Not releasing funds is 'ex-facie violative' of fundamental rights of the people of Karnataka guaranteed under Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution, the state contended.

**Situation on the ground**

Karnataka declared 223 out of 236 taluks drought-affected. The crop loss has been reported in over 48 lakh hectares with the estimated loss of Rs 35,162 crore. The state government sought Rs 18,171.44 crore under NDRF including Rs 4,663.12 crore towards crop loss input subsidy, Rs 12,577.9 crore towards gratuitous relief to families whose livelihood has been affected, Rs 566.78 crore for addressing shortage of drinking water and Rs 363.68 crore towards cattle care. Many parts of the state including the IT capital Bengaluru are facing a severe drinking water shortage.

The Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) visited Karnataka in October and assessed the situation first-hand and filed its report to the Centre.

**Opposition terms it politically motivated**

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka termed the state moving SC a politically motivated decision, and it is a dark day in the history of Karnataka. "Siddaramaiah should learn from (Congress-ruled) Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on how to work with the Centre in a federal system," the BJP leader said.

JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy termed it Siddaramaiah's political stunt.

Explainer

The Siddaramaiah government has been on a confrontation mode with the Centre on several occasions. On February 7, the CM along with the state's legislators and MPs held a protest in the national capital, alleging that the Centre had denied the state's share of Rs 1,87,867 crore under the 15th Finance Commission besides over Rs 45,000 crore in tax devolution in the last four years. On February 22, the government passed two resolutions --one condemning the Centre for the denial of state's tax share and another in support of farmers protesting for the legalisation of MSP for all the agricultural crops.

**The timing**

The state approaching the SC coincides with the Lok Sabha polls. The government, however, maintains that it has nothing to do with elections as they have approached the SC after exhausting all options in the last six months. All along they have been hoping that the Centre would release funds. Centre-state relations are likely to be an issue in the Lok Sabha elections as Congress has accused the BJP-ruled Centre of meting out "step-motherly treatment" to Congress-ruled Karnataka. The issue is likely to come to the fore as the polls come closer with the BJP-JDS alliance taking on the Congress over it.

# Shah called me and I joined BJP: Reddy

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IN 2022, he announced the launch of his party, and fielded 47 candidates in the 2023 Assembly polls.

Reddy's homecoming is expected to help BJP in the Kalyana Karnataka region, especially Ballari, Koppal and Raichur. He also has some influence in Davanagere and Chitradurga Lok Sabha constituencies. In 2023, KRPP got a considerable vote share in a few Assembly constituencies. Reddy, who won from Gangavati, secured 66,000 or 41 per cent of the total votes. His wife Aruna Lakshmi, who contested unsuccessfully from Ballari, got over 48,000 votes or around 27 per cent of the total. The vote share of his party candidates in other constituencies varied from six to 11 per cent.

Vijayendra, after handing over the party flag to Reddy, said his inclusion will help the party get more votes in Kalyana Karnataka. "Reddy has joined the party with the sole intention of making Narendra Modi Prime Minister again," he said.

Reddy said, "Yediyurappa gave me a break and made me minister when I was very young. I am happy to rejoin the party when his son is the state president. Union Minister Amit Shah called me and I decided to join."

# 'Congress depends on guarantees'

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POLITICAL scientist Prof Sandeep Shastri said the polls this time are undoubtedly interesting. "Congress seems to be dependent on guarantee schemes and the political turmoil within BJP which they assume will work in their favour. This time, Congress has also taken to an interesting gamble of fielding new faces and women candidates in more numbers," he said. But the Modi factor will be the most challenging for the party in the state. Also, many sitting ministers were reluctant to contest, he added.

**WHERE CONGRESS STOOD IN LAST 20 YEARS**

| | BJP | CONG | JDS | IND |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2019 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2014 | 17 | 9 | 2 | - |
| 2009 | 19 | 6 | 3 | - |
| 2004 | 18 | 8 | 2 | - |
| 1999 | 7 | 18 | 3(JDU) | - |

# FM in Parl withdrew spl grants to state, says KBG

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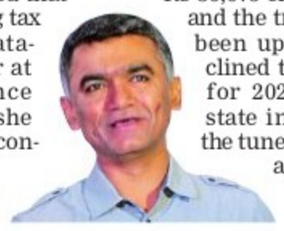
@ Bengaluru

REVENUE Minister **Krishna Byre Gowda** on Monday alleged that Union Finance Minister Niramala Sitaraman, in an action report tabled in the Parliament on January 30, 2020, has asked the 15th Finance Commission to reconsider its recommendation of Rs 5,495 crore as special grant for financial year 2020-21 to Karnataka.

"Sitharaman, who was elected to the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka, is being unfair in the allocation of tax to the state. Is the FM, who is coming to Mysuru on March 31, ready for an open discussion about this," Gowda asked.

On the pending GST tax share to the state, Sitharaman on Sunday had stated that "there is no pending tax share due to Karnataka". Replying to her at a press conference Gowda alleged that she has been "trying to confuse Kannadigas".



The Finance Commission has recommended Rs 5,495 crore in its report for 2019-20, and Rs 6,000 crore for the state for 2021-26, and hence, the Centre has to release Rs 11,495 crore, he urged.

In 2019-20, the state received Rs 36,675 crore as tax share and the trend should have been upward, but it declined to Rs 31,180 crore for 2020-21. Thus, the state incurred a loss to the tune of Rs 5,495 crore, and the Finance Commission has recommended that the Centre should provide special grants. In aggregate, the FC has recommended Rs 6,764 crore to three states, including Karnataka (Rs 5,495 crore), Mizoram(Rs 546 crore) and Telangana (Rs 723 crore), which incurred the losses, he pointed out. Sitharaman accused Chief Minister Siddaramaiah of lying, but in fact, when Yediyurappa was the CM, he had met her on September 17, 2020, and requested to release the special grant. Yediyurappa's successor Basavaraj Bommai also wrote to her.

EXPRESS READ

### BJP rebels make stand clear about nominating independent for D'gere

DAVANAGERE: Rebels from the Davanagere BJP have almost decided to field an independent candidate for the upcoming general election for the Davanagere parliamentary constituency. Former minister SA Ravindranath, who is leading the rebel camp, openly made the statement that if all those who are standing with him join hands and work together, he is ready to contest as an independent candidate. He said there is a need to cleanse the BJP and the winner will support Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Centre. Accordingly, the rebels are firm on their stance about changing the BJP candidate for Davanagere, where the party has already announced the name of Gayathri Siddeshwara. Gayathri, meanwhile, is busy campaigning across the constituency.

# Denied Cong ticket, Veena to contest as independent

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Bagalkot

UPSET over being denied the Congress ticket from Bagalkot Lok Sabha constituency, **Veena Kashappanavar**, former ZP president and wife of Congress MLA Vijayananad Kashappanavar, has declared that she will contest as an independent candidate, if the party fails to replace the present candidate, Samyukta Patil, the daughter of Textile Minister Shivanand Patil, hailing from Vijayapura.

Two days ago, Veena had even held a mega rally of her supporters, warning the party to change the candidate before she makes a final decision on her political stance.

"After consulting with Bagalkot District In-charge Minister RB Timmapur and the newly appointed KPCC working president Vinay Kulkarni, we have decided to hold a meeting with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on March 28 in Bengaluru," Veena told *TNIE*.

"I will directly approach the CM regarding the ticket. I was informed that the Congress Central Committee only received the name of Samyukta Patil. However, they did not disclose why my name was never considered, though I am a resident of Bagalkot, while Samyukta is an outsider, who has contributed nothing to this district," she said, reiterating that her relentless commitment to the party makes her worthy of the ticket.

"My husband has been trying to get a ticket for me. But the decision to contest as an independent candidate will be mine alone. Therefore, I don't think it will impact his political career," she claimed.

# BJP WORKERS' DILEMMA IN S'MOGGA: TO SUPPORT KSE OR NOT...

ARPITHA I @ Shivamogga

AS senior BJP leader **KS Eshwarappa** has decided to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha elections as an Independent from Shivamogga, party workers are in a dilemma — whether to support him or the party's official candidate BY Raghavendra.

Several BJP workers from Shivamogga have tried to air their grievances before party seniors, including MLA SN Channabasappa, and former MLCs R K Siddaramanna, MB Bhanu Prakash.

The workers said that it took nearly a week to sort out whom to support and yet many of them are in a dilemma.

The last week has been a headache for BJP workers to choose sides, on whom to support and seek votes from the public. Even former corporators in Shivamogga are in a state of confusion about whom to support.

According to BJP sources, several ward-wise meetings were conducted by BJP senior leaders to clear the dilemma of the workers during which they were asked to work for the party's victory.

A BJP party worker requesting anonymity told The New Indian Express that it was Eshwarappa who taught the workers to put the party first, abide by the ethics of the party, and treat the party as a mother.

"Most of the party workers have decided to stand with the party collectively. We took nearly one week to decide on whom to support. It was very difficult to make a decision and we (party workers) had a dilemma. Some of them are still confused," a party worker said, adding that it was a tough choice that caused a rift among party workers.

TN Prakash, a BJP worker, who is now a supporter of Eshwarappa, said that the latter has taught many party workers to treat the party as their mother and not to do any "adjustment politics with any other political party". "I am also an RSS worker and BJP worker for many years. We are supporting Eshwarappa because he is up to something good after being hurt. He doesn't want to do any damage to the party or the image of PM Narendra Modi. Initially, it will become hard for workers to choose sides, but ultimately the victory of respective leaders matters the most," he added.

At least 7 people including two children died in accidents while celebrating Holi, in Telangana on Monday. An overhead water tank collapsed on a class 7 student, Lakshmi Pranathi. In separate incidents, 6 other youngsters accidentally drowned while swimming

# VICTIMS FORCED TO BUY ELECTORAL BONDS?

Praneeth allegedly tapped phones of realtors, hawala men to force them buy bonds in BRS' favour

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

WERE audio clips obtained through the illegal tapping of phones used to pressurise businesspersons to purchase electoral bonds? Yes, if sources are to be believed.

Suspended Special Intelligence Bureau (SIB) DSP **D Praneeth Rao**, who is accused of tapping the phones of some businessmen, reportedly sent the audio clips to them and demanded that they purchase electoral bonds in favour of BRS. It is alleged that Praneeth Rao tapped the phones of realtors, hawala operators and others.

Meanwhile, a technical consultant to the SIB, Ravi Pal, is reportedly identified as a key player in the case. It is learnt that he purchased a device used to tap phones from Israel in the name of a software company, without the permission of the Union government.

It is alleged that the SIB paid Ravi Pal in crores to purchase the device that can eavesdrop on phone conversations within a range of 300 metres. This device was purportedly set up near the residence of the then-opposition leader A Revanth Reddy to keep track of his movements. Ravi Pal will soon be interrogated. Meanwhile, sources said that former SIB chief Prabhakar Rao contacted a senior police officer and told him that he was in the US for a medical procedure. Prabhakar Rao told the senior police official that he will be back in Hyderabad in June or July. He is said to have assured the senior officer that he would be in touch with the investigating officer in the case. Prabhakar Rao contacted the senior official from the US after the police issued a lookout notice against him.

Meanwhile, the hard disks that Praneeth Rao tried to destroy after the change of guard in the state were found near the Musi river in the city. These hard disks and other materials in the case have been sent to a forensic laboratory. Meanwhile, Additional SPs Bhujanga Rao and Tirupatanna, who were arrested in the phone tapping case, reportedly confessed to their involvement in the crime.

The investigation officers plan to file a plea in court seeking police custody of Bhujanga Rao and Tirupatanna.

### 'Cops illegally detained me'

In another development in the phone-tapping case, Banjara Hills-based businessman Saran Chowdary, who is also the state executive member of the BJP, has lodged a complaint against former Task Force OSD Radha Kishan Rao, former minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao and Hyderabad CCS ACP TS Uma Maheshwar Rao, accusing them of illegally detaining him, assaulting him and extorting money from him in August 2023.

The complaint comes a day after the investigation team revealed that the accused in the phone tapping case had reportedly extorted money from 36 businessmen. The police have asked the victims to come forward and lodge complaints so that the investigation can move further.

FRAUD CASE

## Victim's charitable trust helped the needy

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THE prosecution told the court that the investigation revealed that Susan joined hands with Accused No.12, Sandeep, in updating mutual funds in the name of the deceased, forged her signatures and concocted documents.

She gave information to Sandeep about investments of the deceased in various companies. For this, she received Rs 1 lakh from Accused No 1 through Google Pay.

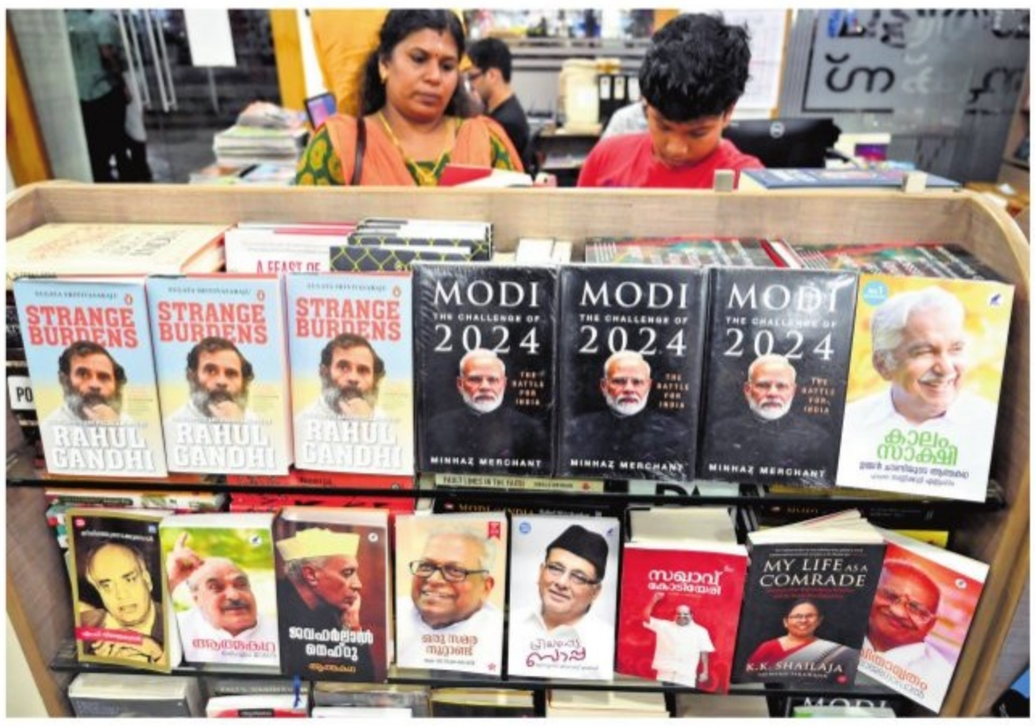
In the complaint to the Siddapura police against officers of SBI, Integrated Enterprises (India) Private Limited and other unknown persons, the complainant Malathi Vaidyanatha, wife of former High Court judge Vaidyanatha, said the victim had registered a charitable trust in the name of BS Venkatakrishnappa and Shakuntala V Krishnappa through which she was helping the needy.

Malathi is the executor of Shakuntala's will. Shakuntala invested the money in mutual funds and shares through Integrated Enterprises and the returns were used by the trust to help those in dire need of money.

Shakuntala died on August 21, 2019 and had made a will before that.

Malathi, who is the third executor since the first executors were no more, visited the bank recently and to her shock, crores of rupees had been transferred without the notice of the trustees or the executor of the will.

Malathi had filed the complaint with Siddapura police on April 28, 2023.




POLLS IN THE PAGES

Book stores in Kozhikode display books on political leaders, as the Lok Sabha election dates approach | EGOKUL

ALL SET FOR POLLS

# Candidates across parties file nomination for LS polls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Coimbatore

Former governor Tamilisai Soundararajan, BJP candidate for Chennai South, flies her nomination in Chennai on Monday | P JAWAHAR

AIADMK candidate for Coimbatore G Ramachandran and Pollachi A Karthikeyan constituencies filed their election nomination on Monday. Also DMK candidate for Pollachi K Easwaraswamy filed his nomination at the Sub-Collector in Pollachi on Monday. After filing nomination with the District Election Officer cum Collector Kranthi Kumar Pati, Ramachandran said that AIADMK is responsible for the development of Coimbatore.

Earlier, he came in a procession from the AIADMK office at Hosur Road along with MLAs, party functionaries and volunteers. Ramachandran, who came to the district collector's office along with former minister SP Velumani, MLA Amman K Arjunan, Singai Chandru, DMDK district secretary, SDPI state secretary Raja Hussain, for filing the petition.

Ramachandran in his nomination papers declared his movable assets worth Rs 1.14 crore and immovable assets worth Rs 21 lakh. He also stated that he has movable assets worth Rs 1.02 crore and immovable assets worth Rs 25 lakh in the name of his wife Shruthi.

AIADMK candidate for Pollachi A Karthikeyan filed nomination with the Sub Collector on Monday. In his affidavit, he mentioned that he has a moveable assets of Rs 27.13 lakh and Rs 1.38 crore worth of immovable asset in his name and 1.11 crore moveable and Rs 2.53 crore immoveable assets in his wife's name. He said that Anaimalayar and Nallar project will be implemented in the PAP scheme, if he wins.

DMK candidate for Pollachi, Easwaraswamy filed his nomination on Monday, and declared his assets worth Rs 3.46 crore and Rs 1.33 crore moveable assets in his name and his wife's name respectively. He also mentioned immovable assets in the name of the candidate is Rs 17.91 crore in the current market value and Rs 9.8 lakh in his wife's name.

INC candidate Manickam Tagore, DMDK candidate Vijaya Prabhakaran, and BJP candidate Radikaa Sarathkumar filed their nomination to the Returning Officer VP Jeyaseelan to contest from the Virudhunagar Constituency in the Lok Sabha election. After filing the nomination on Monday afternoon, INC candidate Manickam Tagore addressed the media persons. Tagore highlighted that the 2024 LS election has a significant role in protecting the country's democracy.

"The election is the last chance to save the country from the hands of fascism," he said, adding that in the last 50 days, two Chief Ministers were arrested and INC's bank accounts were frozen.

### TN govt will approach SC demanding flood relief fund: Stalin

Tirunelveli: Stating that PM Narendran Modi did not even console the flood-affected people during his recent campaign in the State, the Chief Minister and DMK President M K Stalin said that the Tamil Nadu government would soon approach the Supreme Court demanding the flood relief fund to Tamil Nadu. "Voting for BJP is voting against the development of Tamil Nadu," he equated. Stalin took part in the public meeting organised in Nanguneri and introduced the Congress candidates. "Modi visited Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari recently for the election campaigns. He who did not give the flood-hit Tamil Nadu relief fund did not even console the people during his visit. However, during the calamities, the TN govt, which did not have enough funds, engaged its Ministers in the relief activities at the rain-hit areas.

# ISRO's POEM-3 back, zero debris in space

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE ISRO does it again! The PSLV Orbital Experimental Module-3 (POEM-3) onboard the PSLV-C58 –XPoSat mission met its fiery end through a re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere, leaving zero orbital debris in space.

This milestone was achieved on March 21 when POEM-3 was passivated to remove residual propellants to minimize any accidental break-up risks. The PSLV-C58 Mission was accomplished on January 1. "After completing the primary mission of injecting all satellites into their desired orbits, the terminal stage of PSLV was transformed into a 3-axis stabilized platform, the POEM-3. The stage was deorbited from 650 km to 350 km, which facilitated its early re-entry," said ISRO.

The orbital altitude of the upper stage continued to decay under the influence of natural forces, and was reported to have impacted the North Pacific Ocean (Lat 6.4 N & Long 158.7 W) around 7:34 pm on March 21. The Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) has taken the lead in conceptualizing the POEM by augmenting the 4th stage of PSLV. XPoSat is the third such mission in the series, with POEMs being successfully scripted each time. The space agency on Monday said, "POEM-3 was configured with a total of 9 different experimental payloads to carry out technology demonstrations and scientific experiments on the newly developed indigenous systems. Out of these, 6 payloads were delivered by NGEs through IN-SPACE. The mission objectives of these payloads were met in a month."

# BJP files MCC complaint against Pinarayi's anti-CAA speech

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Malappuram/T'Puram

THE BJP leadership has approached the state chief electoral officer against the LDF government's decision to withdraw cases registered against those who protested against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), terming it a violation of the model code of conduct (MCC). The move is aimed at the appeasement of a community and hence violates the code of conduct, it said.

BJP Thiruvananthapuram district president VV Rajesh, in the petition filed on Sunday, said the LDF government has directed district police chiefs to withdraw cases registered in the state in connection with the anti-CAA protests.

"The order was issued on March 16, the date of the announcement of the Lok Sabha election by the Election Commission of India. It is a deliberate act by the state government to appease a section, which has extremist tendencies, who were demanding the same. The order is aimed at appeasing a particular community to ensure their votes in favour of the ruling LDF in the upcoming general elections by greenlighting the anti-national tendencies in the anti-CAA protests. After the CAA was passed by the parliament, the chief minister and state government were of the position that it would not be implemented in the state. The government's decision to withdraw the cases is a serious violation of the model code of conduct (MCC)," the petition said.

Catapulting the CAA into a poll plank in Kerala, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said that the BJP-led Union government is attempting to convert Muslims into second-class citizens through the CAA.

He was speaking at an anti-CAA rally organised by the Constitution Protection Committee in Malappuram.

"Through the CAA, they are providing citizenship to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi, or Christian refugees from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, or Pakistan. They deliberately avoided Muslims from the list. Giving citizenship based on religion is a blatant violation of our constitutional rules," Pinarayi added.

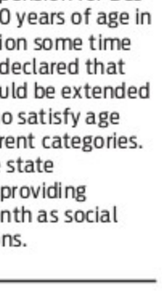
Picking up on Pinarayi's speech, the BJP shot off a petition to the Election Commission of India complaining that the chief minister violated the model code of conduct.

## 51-yr-old tusker Mangalamkunnu Ayyappan dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Palakkad

MANGALAMKUNNU Ayyappan, the tusker with a large fan following, died on Monday at the age of 51 after battling health issues for several months.

Owned by the Mangalam Kunnu family, which has the largest number of captive elephants in Kerala, Ayyappan gained fame through appearances in movies like "Anachandam" and "Naatammai," often alongside another elephant from the Mangalam Kunnu Tharavadu, Mangalam Kunnu Ganapathy.



Bought in 1992 from the Sonpur fair in Bihar by Mangalam Kunnu brothers, Ayyappan participated in numerous festivals, including the renowned Thrissur Pooram. Notably, the jumbo's stature rose in 2006-07 when it carried the idol of Paramekkavu Devi during the Thrissur Pooram. Standing tall at 305 cm, it ranked among the tallest elephants in the state.

### Chanakya varsity conference on temples ends

Bengaluru: Chanakya University concluded the International conference on temples management: historical, functional, and futuristic perspectives, held at its Global Campus here, on Friday. The event brought together experts, scholars, and practitioners from around the world, to delve into the intricate management aspects of temples from a historical, functional, and futuristic lens. The event aimed at exploring the challenges and opportunities in managing temples, including issues related to conservation, tourism, and community engagement. Director of ISKCON's Govardhan Ecovillage, Gauranga Das Prabhuji said, "When the ability to make decisions is paralysed, temples act as hospitals for the minds. Any person who enters temples gets a fresh perspective towards the world. Further, it is essential to detach from the 4 Ps – personal, pervasive, permanent and perspective for a hassle-free life. Stress is a gap between reality and expectations." KV Raju, Professor Emeritus at Chanakya University and chief economic advisor for Uttar Pradesh CM highlighted that temples reflect the culture, traditions, practices, and beliefs of the place. "It is the responsibility of every citizen to preserve our roots through sustainable temple management," he said.

EXAMS DAY 1

# 2 cases of mass copying as 8.32L attend SSLC exams

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE first Class 10 annual examination under the state curriculum, started on Monday with a present percentage of 98.41. A total of 8,32,343 students appeared for the first language paper Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Marathi, Urdu, English or Sanskrit. 13,468 students failed to appear for the exam.

The examination was held in 2,750 centres across the state. The Karnataka State Examination Authority (KSEAB) this year made robust arrangements to avoid malpractices and webcasted the examination centres through CCTV surveillance.

Two instances of mass copying were reported from Yadgir district and action has been taken against them by the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI), Yadgir for dereliction of invigilation work, informed Gopal Krishna HN, director of examination, KSEAB. The teachers have been suspended and an inquiry has been ordered for their misconduct. The malpractices were caught on CCTV cameras in Government Junior College, Surapura Taluk and Government Pre-Graduation College (Boys).

Students appear for the first SSLC exams in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

However, no information was given on what actions will be taken against the students. Meanwhile, the KSEAB issued a new circular ordering the inspection of exam centres before students enter for their papers. Instances of malpractices were ordered to be flagged immediately.

This year the government decided to conduct three annual examinations for SSLC students and quashed the supplementary exams, promoting the change as 'child-friendly.' Students can re-appear for all or choose any subject to improve their scores.

The best out of the three will be considered as the final marks. A total of 8,69,968 students registered for the examination out of which 4,41,910 are boys and 4,28,058 are girls.

EXPRESS READ

### TDP to give ₹4K pension for above 50

Vijayawada: THE TDP, which has already announced the sanction of ₹4,000 monthly social security pension for BCs who are over 50 years of age in its BC Declaration some time back, has now declared that the benefit would be extended to all those who satisfy age criteria in different categories. At present, the state government is providing ₹3,000 per month as social security pensions.

**IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE**

**A.A No. 25011 OF 2023**

**BETWEEN: M/S ADVAITHA VENTURES PVT LTD ... PETITIONER**

**AND: SMT. ZAREENA & OTHERS... RESPONDENTS**

**NOTICE/SUMMONS TO THE RESPONDENT SUIT SUMMONS OF 4th RESPONDENT NAMED BELOW UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF CPC**

**4. Gridie constructions Pvt. Ltd,** Having office at No.11, HMG Ambasador, 137, Residency Road, Bangalore-560025.

Whereas the Petitioner named above has instituted an Arbitration Application before this Hon'ble Court which is registered and numbered as A.A No. 25011 of 2023 for interim measures of appoint of the Arbitrator to resolve the dispute between the Respondents.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court at 11:00 AM on **20-04-2024** either personally or through a duly appointed advocate to answer the claim in the suit failing which the suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All the piece and parcel of formerly portion of vacant land subsequent Municipal Nos. 1A, presently bearing Municipal Nos. 119/2 to 119/7, situated at M.G. Road, Bangalore, approximately measuring to an extent of 24,000 Sq Feet and having following boundaries: **East by:** Remaining portions belonged to the family vendors, **West by:** Life insurance Corporation of India, **North by:** Mahatma Gandhi Road earlier called South Parade Road, **South by:** Church Street.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 22-03-2024

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, city Civil court, Mayo Hall unit, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner:
**K. KISHORE KUMAR**
Unit No 102, #139, Sterling Heights, Opp. The Hindu Infantry-Road, Bangalore-560 001.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform and whatever it may concern that my client, **Jayanthi Amarnath Bhagath, D/o M. Muthu**, Aged about 45 years, Having office at No. 1869/B, 3rd Floor, 1st stage, 5th Block, HBR layout, Bangalore-560043, with phone No. 96868 14385, intending to purchase property, bearing survey No. 65/2, having an extent of 34 guntas, situated at Bachchahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chickballapura Taluk, the property mentioned herein is more fully described in the schedule to this public notice and hereinafter-words referred to as schedule property, from N. Shivachandra S/o late Nanjappa, House No. 109, Hosahalli, Jala Hobli, HM Halli post, Bangalore North Taluk. Bangalore rural District.

If any third party/s, person/s has/have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, charges or lean over the schedule property, they are hereby called upon or requested to raise their objection/objections if any to this sale transaction of the schedule property, inform their objections in writing along with the photocopies of the documents related such claims, objections through the RPAD with below mentioned address within 7 days from the publication of this notice .

If no valid claims/objections are received by the undersigned as mentioned here enable, my client shall proceed with the completion of the sale transaction deeming that apart from the above mentioned owner, no one else has/have any manner of right, tittle, claim or interest whatsoever over the schedule property.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that part and parcel of the property bearing Survey No. 65/2, having an extent of 34 guntas, situated at Bachchahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chickballapura Taluk and bounded on :-

East by : Property of Ashwathappa, West by : Lakebed, North by : land belonging to Subbamma, South by : land belonging to K.S. Navaneetha.

**DILRAJ ROHIT SEQUEIRA,** Advocate
No. 38, 3rd Floor, HVS Apartment, Queens Road, Vasant Nagar, Bangalore - 560 051.
Ph : + 91 98456 87076
Email : dilroja@gmail.com

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client **Sri.Sandeep.S,** aged about 31 years, S/o Sri.Shankarappa residing at No.Basaveshwara Nagar, Arasinakunte, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist Karnataka-562123, represents that the Original Release deed dated 16.10.2014 Registered as Document No.NMG-1-06576/2014-15 in Book-1, stored in CD No.NMGD315 in the office of the Sub Registrar Nelamangala, Original Sale Agreement dated 14.10.2015 and Registered as Document No.NMG-1-06812/2015-16 in Book-1, stored in CD No.NMGD344 in the office of the Sub Registrar Nelamangala and Original Sale deed dated 03.02.2016 and Registered as Document No.NMG-1-11785/2015-16 in Book-1, stored in CD No.NMGD353 in the office of the Sub Registrar Nelamangala, in respect to the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** mentioned hereunder is lost/misplace and not traceable.

If anybody other than the said **Sri.Sandeep.S** has any claim, right, title and interest on the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** by virtue of being in possession or otherwise of the above said Original Documents, or any Rights they should file their claim with documentary proof within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice in our office, at the address mentioned below, failing which, it will be taken for granted that nobody has any manner of right, title, interest or claim over the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** other than the said Sri.Sandeep.S.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of immoveable Property bearing **Khata No.617,** formed out of Converted Sy No.41, Conversion bearing Order No.BDS.ALN.SR.235/1991-92 Dated 30.12.1992, issued by District Commissioner Bangalore Rural District, Situated at **Arasinakunte Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring **1200 Sq.feet.,** and bounded on the;

**East by : Road;**
**West by : Property belongs to Erappa;**
**North by : Property belongs to Gangaraju;**
**South by : Property belongs to Govindappa;**

**Shruthi.S,** Advocate
Unit No.101, 1st Floor,
Opp: to Karnataka Bank,
K.R.Puram, Bangalore-560036.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client is proposed to purchase the Property bearing Site No.6, formed in Sy.No. 12/2, BBMP Khata No. 573/12/2/6, Situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 feet, and North to South 30feet, totally measuring about **1500 Square feet,** with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the

**East by :** Road; **West by :** Private Property; **North by :** Site No.5; **South by :** Site No.7.

from it's present Owner **M/s. ARKA INFRA.** A registered Partnership firm having office at No.15/1, New No.48, 3rd Floor, Kanakapura Main Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560004, Represented by its Partners **Mr. V. DEVIPRASAD and Mrs. R. GAYATHRI,** they had acquired the same under registered Deed of Sale dated 30/09/2021, registered as document No.BSK-1-5905/2021-22, Stored in CD No.BSKD1145, in Book-I, registered before the Sub Registrar Basavanagudi (Banashankari), Bangalore from its erstwhile owner Mr. B.V. DWARAKANATH.

Any persons having any claim or interest in or to the said property or any part thereof through sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, bequest, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is/are required to forward their claim to the said property, to the undersigned, along with relevant supporting documents thereof, **within 15 (Fifteen) days** from this date.

In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims, and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived and a valid and binding conveyance will be executed in my client's favour without any further reference in this regard.

**MUNISHAMI REDDY .G.R,** Advocate
**SHREE G LAW SERVICES**
Office at No.226/87, 1st Floor, Opp BDA Park, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, BSK III Stage, Bengaluru-560 085, (M) 9740155591

## PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed the our client Sri. L. Prasad, Son of Late Lakshminarayappa, and Sri. Kumar L. son of Late Lakshminarayappa, and his wife Smt. Lalitha, are intends to purchase below mentioned property from its owner Smt. Gowramma W/o Late Hanumanthappa and her family members duly executed the GPA dated: 13.02.2023, and delivered the possession by way of the said GPA in favour of Sri. N.V. Bhaskar S/o N.K. Velayudhan, Sri. Nataraj C.S. S/o Late. C.N. Chitta Sathayanarayana and Smt. N. Anandamma W/o P. Govindaraj, in respect of below mentioned property.

If any person/Institution/Bank having any right, title claim or interest in the schedule property or have any objection in any manner whatsoever regarding title or sale transaction in respect of the schedule property between our clients and its absolute owners are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file objections/ claims if any along with supporting documents within **7 days** from the date of publication at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received within specified period. It would be deemed claim is received within specified period. It would be deemed that the above mentioned owners have clear and marketable title, claim or interest over the schedule property, if anybody have claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained and not binding.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE immovable Property land bearing Sy.No. 38 measuring to an extent of 4 acre 06 guntas of land is situated at Lagumenahalli Village, Tubugere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk and bounded on: **East by :** Forest Land, **West by :** Land of Nandagopal Reddy, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Government Gutte.

**Sri. H.M. Madhusudhana,** Advocate
**Sri. Manjunatha Law Chambers**
#28, 2nd Floor, PLD Bank Complex,
Taluk Office Circle, Doddaballapura 561 203.
Mob. No. 9986413255

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client intends to purchase property morefully described in the Schedule Item Nos.1 and 2 mentioned herein below from its owner P.Murthy, Son of Paramashivan, aged about 62 years, residing at No.26, 'A' Cross, New Extension, Byatarayanapura, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. Any person having right, title, interest, claim, objections or whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property may file their objections with documentary proof to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the said period, our client will proceed to complete the proposed Sale transaction presuming that above mentioned person is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and that there are no other Claimants.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

**Item No.1:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Eastern Portion of site bearing No.51, Khata No.37/38, situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Rajarajeshwari City Counsel, Bengaluru measuring East to West 20 Sq.ft and North to South 60 Sq.ft, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft, and bounded on the: East by : Site No.52; West by : Remaining portion of western side Property; North by : Road; South by : Property belongs to R.V. College;

**Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Western Portion of site bearing No.51, Khata No.37/38, situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Rajarajeshwari City Counsel, Bengaluru measuring East to West 20 Sq.ft and North to South 60 Sq.ft, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft, and bounded on the: East by :Remaining Portion of Eastern side Property; West by : Site No.50; North by : Road; South by : Property belongs to R.V. College;

**Sanjay H. Sethiya,** Advocate
**Law Square,** Advocates & Solicitors
Level Two, No.2/1, 3rd Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009. 080 4171 1481
Bengaluru, Date: 26.03.2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Under instructions from my client **Sri. Deepak Gopal Rao,** S/o Sri. V. Nanda Gopal, it is hereby brought to the notice of the public at large that my client has entered into regd Sale Agreement with Nannuri Vijay Naidu dt 11/03/2020 in respect of Schedule property and Specific Performance suit is pending in OS No. 2177/2023 before II Sr Civil Judge, B'lore Rural. Schedule Property Residental Site khata no. 254/225/14-6, old khata no. 225/14-6, Hagadur village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk now coming under BBMP limits measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 60 Feet totally measuring 1800 Square bounded on the **East by:** portion of site w/ khata no. 225/14-6 and site no. 39, **West by:** portion of site w/ khata no. 225/14-6 and site no. 39, **North by:** Private property, **South by :** 30 Feet Road

Sd/- **PRAVEEN .S REDDY,** Advocate
22/1, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, Gandhinagar, Bangalore- 560009. Mob:85533 55448

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, **Smt. GOWRAMMA .H,** W/o. Sri. B.N. Ramesh, aged about 52 years, R/at No.100, 6th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Marenahalli, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040. My client do hereby state that, My client son by Name CHETHAN .B.R, went missing on 03/04/2003 and my client made a police complaint on 04/04/2003 and also My client had filed declaration suit bearing O.S.No.25249/2024 to declare that CHETHAN .B.R. is civil dead for all legal purposes, if anybody having any valid claim, demand or interest over the said person or any objections to the said suit or complaint by my clients may file his/her/their objections in writing along with copies of the supporting documents duly attested with the undersigned **within 15 days** from this day, failing which it will be deemed that no other person/s have any claims in respect of the above said suit and complaint.

**T.N. RAJASHEKAR,** Advocate
No.14, 13th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-02.

## AXIS BANK

Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

**POSSESSION NOTICE** APPENDIX-IV (RULE 8 (1))

WHEREAS: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AXIS BANK LTD, Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act , 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued, a demand notice, dated **02.11.2023** calling upon the **(Borrower/Applicant) 1) Mr. Santoshkumar S M (Deceased) Represented By a) Mr. Shantappa Muchalambe, b) Mrs. Sulochana** W/o Shantapp Muchalambe, **c) Mrs. Sujata** W/o Shantappa Muchalambe, **All are residing at:** 226/5, 2nd Floor, Venkateshwara, Nilaya, 2nd Main Road, 1st Block, Ganesh Park, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560073 (Co Applicant/Guarantor) **2) Mrs. Sujata** W/o Santoshkumar S M, 226/5, 2nd Floor, Venkateshwara, Nilaya, 2nd Main Road, 1st Block, Ganesh Park, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560073 **Also At: Mrs. Sujata** W/o Santoshkumar S M, No 51, Galaxy Chethana Apartment, 2nd Floor, Sanjeevini Nagar, Bangalore 560072, **Also At: Mrs. Sujata** W/o Santoshkumar S M Partner, Surya E Commerce, No 779, 4th Floor, 4th Cross, 11th Block, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore 560072. to repay the amount **Rs.46,96,237 /-** (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven Only) mentioned in the notice towards the loan account no's **PHR000904854235.** being the amount due as on **10.08.2023** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **22.03.2024**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **AXIS BANK LTD Rs.46,96,237 /-** (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven Only) being the amount due as on **10.08.2023** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY**

**SCHEDULE :** All that piece and parcel of the Land Flat No B 106 1st Floor B Block Century Indus Sy No 62 BBMP Khata No 3289 3664 8 62 Pattenagere Village 560098 together with all the buildings and structures thereon, fixtures, fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth both present and future measuring 986 sq ft & 319 Undivided Share and Bounded as follows: East by: Land In Sy No 8, West by: LIC Layout, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.

**For any clarification please contact Mr. Sudarshan - 9620703099.**

**Date : 22.03.2024**
**Place : Bangalore**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Axis Bank Ltd.**

## HDB Financial Services Ltd.

**Regd. Office:** Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-09.
**Regional Office:** Ground Floor, Zenith House, Opposite Race Course, Mahalakshmi, Mumbai-34. **Branch Office:** No.195/38, 1st Floor, HDFC Building, 10th Cross Road, Wilsan Garden Bangalore-27.

**APPENDIX IV (PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE)**
**See Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s HDB Financial Services Ltd.,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) & r/w Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and issued **Demand Notice dated 19th July 2021,** calling upon the Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor in **Loan Account No. 1170287. (1) Sri Balaji Electronics,** No.11, Annipura, 1st Main Road, Sudhamanagar, KH Road Cross, Bangalore-560027. **(2) Geetha Suresh Babu,** No.11, Annipura, 1st Main Road, Sudhamanagar, K.H. Road Cross, Bangalore-560027., **(3) Suresh Babu M,** No.11, Annipura, 1st Main Road, Sudhamanagar, KH Road Cross, Bangalore-560027 within 60 days from the date and receipt of this notice. The Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor and the public in general, that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, R/w Rule 8 And 9, on this **20th day of March, of the year 2024.**

The Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor, in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **M/s HDB Financial Services Ltd.,** for an amount of **Rs.1,11,53,208.44 (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Eight and Forty Four Paise Only)** as on 18th July, 2021.

The Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor attention is invited to provision of Sub Section 8 of the Section 13 of the Act, inrespect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

**Details Of Immovable Property Mortgage:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New BBMP Katha No.15/1, PID No.62-110-15/1, Earlier Eastern Half Portion of Property bearing Katha No.15, Old No.33/15, situated at 6th Cross, III Main, Wilson Garden, Bangalore., measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 50 Feet, and bounded as under, together with a building constructed there. **Boundaries: North:** III Main Road, **South:** House No.35 of Y.K.Ananda Rao, **East:** 6th Cross Road, **West:** Western Half Portion Sold to K Balasubramani.

**Date: 20-03-2024**
**Place: Bangalore**

**Sd/- Authorized Office**
**For HDB Financial Services Ltd.**

## HDFC BANK LIMITED

**Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013**
**Branch Office: HDFC Bank Ltd, HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru-560 001**
**Tel:-080-41183000, CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com**

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

| Sr. No. | Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) | Outstanding Dues | Date of Demand Notice | Date of Possession | Description of The Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mr. Anandaraaj (Borrower) | Loan A/c No: (1) 632814533 Rs.39,08,451/- (2) 633320147 Rs. 1,13,612/- Total Amount : Rs.40,22,063/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Sixty Three Only) as on 31.10.2023 | 27.11.2023 | 23.03.2024 | **Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of residential converted land bearing **Sy. Nos. 115/1 & 115/2, measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas,** situated at Madiwala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and an apartment Building constructed thereon comprising of Stilt, Ground and Three Upper Floors consisting of 100 flats together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: **East by** : Sy No. 94, **West by** Sy No. 114 and 117, **North by** : Sy No. 95 belongs to Revanna, **South by** : Sy No. 116 belongs to Vakil Layout and Sy. No. 126. **Schedule B:** All that piece and parcel of **Flat bearing No. 017 at Block B in Ground Floor,** e Khatha No. 150200101800621797, measuring **799.08 Sq.ft.,** carpet area consisting of **2 Bed Rooms** with RCC roofing. Vitrified Flooring in Living Room, Wooden door for Main Door and aluminum windows, including proportionate share in common area such as passage, lobbies, staircase, contained in the residential apartment complex known as **"VAKIL MAGNOLIA APARTMENT"** with **1 car parking space** exclusively earmarked for the sole use and enjoyment of the Purchase r/s. **East by** : Open Space, **West by :** Open Space & Portion of Corridor, **North by :** Flat No - C 018, **South by :** Open Space. |
| 2 | Mr. Tendulkar Chetan Narayan (Borrower) | Loan A/c No: 621032738 Rs.19,69,452/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Two Only) as on 31.10.2023 | 27.11.2023 | 23.03.2024 | **Schedule –A:** All that piece and parcel of properties bearing **(1) Sy.No.5/3,** measuring 2 Acres 27 Guntas of Land **(2) Sy.No.46,** measuring 2 Acres of Land **(3) Sy.No.47,** measuring 2 Acres of Land and **(4) Sy.No.48,** measuring 2 acres of Land, totally measuring **8 acres 27 Guntas of Land,** excluding Kharab, situated at Andhapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, converted for non agricultural residential purpose through the conversion order bearing No.BDS/ALN/SR (A) 66/2001-02 dated 26.02.2003 and bounded on : **East by** : Property Bearing Sy.Nos.46 And 5/4, **West by** : Property Bearing Sy.Nos.49 And 5/1, **North by** : Property Bearing Sy.Nos.5/2, 5/4 And 5/5, **South by** : Property bearing Sy.No.45. **Schedule –B:** All that Residential Apartment bearing **No.BT 24, Property No. I79/BT/24,** Property ID No.150200100600700114 [as per RDPR] in **Third Floor** in **Block 'B' of "ITTINA NEELA"** built in schedule 'A' property and measuring **1000 Sq.feet [92.90 Sq.mtrs] of super built up area** inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircase and other areas together with **300 Sq.feet** undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land comprised in schedule 'A' property and a **covered car parking space** and in the said apartment the doors are made of flush doors and steel windows and mosaic flooring. |
| 3 | Mrs. Radhika Viswakarma (Borrower) Mr. Ramnivas Vishwa Karma (Co-Borrower) | Loan A/c No. 619154777 Rs.38,13,033/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Thirteen Thousand Thirty Three Only) as on 31.10.2023 | 27.11.2023 | 23.03.2024 | **Schedule A: Item -1:** All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing **Sy No.344, measuring 2 Acres 36 guntas,** converted vide Official Memorandum dated 04.12.2008 bearing No.ALN(A)(K&V) SR-16/06-07 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Marasur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded on the: **East by** : Land bearing Sy.No.345 and Road, **West by** : Land bearing Sy.No.347, 348 and Sy.No.456, **North by :** Land bearing Sy.No.345, **South by :** Land bearing Sy.No.343 and 458. **Item -2:** All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing **Sy No.347,** measuring 1 Acres 16 guntas, and Sy No.348, measuring 1 Acre 15 Guntas, totally measuring **2 Acres 31 Guntas,** converted vide Official Memorandum dated 19.11.2008, bearing No. ALN(A) (K&V) SR-15/06-07, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Marasur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded on the: **East by :** Land bearing Sy.No.344, **West by :** Land bearing Sy.No.347, **North by :** Land bearing Sy.No.343, **South by :** Land bearing Sy.No.456. **Item – 3:** All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing **Sy No.347,** measuring 1 Acres 22 guntas, and **Sy No.348,** measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas, **totally measuring 3 Acres 2 guntas** converted vide Official Memorandum dated 19.11.2008, bearing No.ALN(A)(K&V)SR-18/06-07 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Marasur Village , Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded on the : **East by** : Land bearing Sy.No.347, West by : Land bearing Sy.No.350, **North by :** Land bearing Sy.No.345, **South by :** Land bearing Sy.No.455. **Item - 4:** All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing **Sy No.455,** measuring 1 Acre, converted vide Official Memorandum 19.11.2008, bearing No.ALN(A)(K&V)SR- 18/06-07 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Marasur Village , Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded on the : **East by :** Land bearing Sy.No.348, 456, **West by :** Land bearing Sy.No.455/2 and 435, **North by :** Land bearing Sy.No.349, **South by :** Remaining portion land bearing Sy.No.455. **Item – 5:** All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing **Sy No.458,** measuring 1 Acres 25 guntas, converted vide Official Memorandum dated 17.11.2008 bearing No.ALN(K&V)SR-59/2008-09 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Marasur Village , Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded on the : **East by :** Land bearing Sy.No.343, **West by :** Land bearing Sy.No.456, Sy.No.457, Sy.No.459 and Sy.No.460, **North by :** Land bearing Sy.No.344, **South by :** Land bearing Sy.No.460 and Sy.No.461. **Item -6:** All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing **Sy No,461/1** measuring 07 guntas, Sy.No.461/5 measuring 15 guntas, Sy.No.461/6 measuring 08 guntas totally measuring 30 guntas, converted vide Official Memorandum dated 04.09.2010, bearing No.ALN(K&V)SR-28/2010-II issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Marasur Village , Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded on the : **East by :** land bearing Sy.Nos.461/2,461/3 and 461/5. **West by :** land bearing Sy.No.458, **North by :** land bearing Sy.No.458, **South by :** land bearing Sy.No.460. **Item -7:** All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing **Sy No.343/1,** measuring 1 Acre 26 guntas, converted vide Official Memorandum dated 17.11.2008 bearing No.ALN(K&A)SR 56/2008-09 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Marasur Village , Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded on the : **East by :** Halla, **West by :** Land bearing Sy.No.458, **North by :** Land bearing Sy.No.344, **South by :** remaining land in Sy.No.343. **Schedule B:** All the piece and parcel of Plot bearing **No. 155,** V.P.Katha No. 3533/155, having PID No. 150200101800403596, being converted residential lands measuring East to West 15 mts, North to South 9 mts, in all measuring (135mts) in the Schedule 'A' Property situated at Marasur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, the name of the Project/layout, which shall be always known as **"REVIERA"** and bounded on the: **East by :** Plot bearing No-166, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Plot bearing No-156, **South by :** Plot bearing No-154. |
| 4 | Mr. Prakas Gautam (Borrower) | Loan A/c No: 642493557 Rs.27,48,542/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Two Only) as on 31.10.2023 | 27.11.2023 | 23.03.2024 | **Schedule – A:** All that piece and! parcel of land formed in converted land bearing **Sy. No. 184** (vide Official Memorandum No ALN(A)(SH)SR116/2012-13 dated 04.01.2013 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District,) situated at Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, now within the limits of the BBMP Katha No.1977/184, measuring 19.29 Guntas (21012 Sq.ft) out of 28.08 Guntas and bounded on:**East by** : Road and Remaining property of same Sy No 184; **West by** : Survey No 185; **North by** : Remaining property of Sy no.184; **South by** : Remaining property and Parappana Agrahara boundary. **Schedule – B:** All that piece parcel of the **Flat No.G-14 in Ground Floor** having **super built up area of 860 sq. feet** with an undivided 280 sq. feet of share, right, title and interest in the land / Schedule 'A' Property and **one covered car parking in "SAI ASHIRWADH PARADISE" Block "A"** constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, Concrete Block Masonry, Main door teak frame and Steam Breach Veneered polish able flush Shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, Powder coated aluminum windows with glass & safety grills, vitrified tiles for living, rooms and kitchen, Ceramic flooring for balcony and toilets etc. and bounded as follows: **East by** : OTS and Corridor, **West by** : Survey No 185; **North by** : Flat No. G-15; **South by** : OTS and Flat No. G-13. |

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken Symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

**Date : 26.03.2024**
**Place : Bengaluru**

**Sd/-Authorised Officer**
**HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

## The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

No.73/1, Gandhibazar Main Road, Bangalore -04, Ph: 22421998 /22421999

**DEMAND NOTICE**

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002**

We, **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.,** has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has been returned due to Insufficient of address / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

**1. Name and Address of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Smt.Vani.K, 2) Sri.Vijaya Kumar.J, Both are residing at :** No.26, 4th floor, Sy.No.161/3, Kothanur village, Uttarhalli hobli, J.P.Nagar 8th phase, Near Gnana Vikas Public school, Bengaluru-560076.

| Sl No | Account No | Amount Advanced | Date of Advance | Purpose of Loan | Balance Outstanding on 29.02.2024 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Principal | Interest + Penal interest | Total |
| 1 | IPL 20200010 | 30,00,000/- | 23.03.2020 | Purchase of Site | Rs.27,05,256/- | Rs.90,792.00 | Rs.27,96,048.00 |
| Total | | 30,00,000/- | | | Rs.27,05,256/- | Rs.90,792.00 | Rs.27,96,048.00 |

**Amount Outstanding of Rs.27,96,048.00 (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Forty Eight only)as on 29.02.2024 and further interest from 01.03.2024 and other charges there on.**

**NPA Date : 21.09.2023** **Demand Notice Dated : 07.03.2024**

**ANNEXURE- SCHEDULE :** All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing No.26, Katha No.295, Present BBMP Katha No.2200/1916/26, formed in converted Sy.No.161/3, Kothanur village, Uttarhalli hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq.ft., together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on East by : Private property, West By : Site No.25, North by : Road, South by : Property No.28.

You are here by called upon to pay **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.,** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.,** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.,** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(3) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortagaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

**Date : 25.03.2024**
**Place : Bangalore**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.,**

## Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK) Trusting Dreams are Ours

**JAYANAGAR BRANCH**

**"SAJINI", # 69 (Old No.35)**
Ground Floor, 12th Main, Jayanagar 3rd Block,
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E-mail Id: jayanagar@canfinhomes.com
**CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699**

**POSSESSION NOTICE**

**(For Immovable Property) [Rule 8 (1)]**

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice on the below mentioned dates calling upon the following borrower(s)/co-borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest at contractual rates till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowershaving failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below, against each borrower, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on dates mentioned hereinafter.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Borrowers | Description of the property mortgaged | Date of Demand Notice | Out-standing Amount | Date of Possession |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Borrowers : Mrs. Gowri C., & Mr.Jayapal C.,** No. 206, 2nd cross Kaveri school back side Singasandra Hosur Main road, Bangalore

**BEFORE THE HONORABLE I ADDITIONAL DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTE REDRESSAL COMMISSION AT BANGALORE**

**COMPLAINT No. 283/2023**

**BETWEEN: 1. Mr. Sudharshan T.R,** S/o Mr Rangappa, aged about 61 years, R/a Flat No-303, 3rd Floor, VSPL Crescent Apartment, Railway Parcel Office Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022 ...**COMPLAINANT**

**AND: 1. M/s Sangitabuildcon Pvt. Ltd.** Represented by Ms. Sangita R Prusty, #456, 4th floor,7th cross, BTM Layout, 2nd stage, Opposite Marigold, Bangalore- 560 076.

**2. M/s Building Ghar,** Represented by Mr. Wasim, No-06, 4th floor, Dr Punithrajkumar Road, Old Madiwala, Jay Bheema Nagar, BTM Layout 1st Stage, Bangalore-560068 ...**OPPOSITE PARTIES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Whereas the above complaint filed by the complainant Mr. Sudharshan T R, under section 35 of the consumer protection act, 2019.

It is hereby bringing into the Kind Notice to M/s Sangitabuildcon Pvt. Ltd., Represented by Ms. Sangita .R Prusty, #456, 4th floor, 7th cross, BTM Layout, 2nd stage, Opposite Marigold, Bangalore-560076 and M/s Building Ghar, Represented by Mr. Wasim, No-06, 4th floor, Dr. Punithrajkumar Road, Old Madiwala, Jay Bheema Nagar, BTM Layout 1st Stage, Bangalore- 560068. Kindly take notice that you have to appear before the Before the Honorable I Additional District Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission at Bangalore, in consumer complaint No.283/2023 on **22-04-2024** either in person or by a pleader duly interested to answer all material questions in the petition. If you fail to appear on the date mentioned above, then the case will be heard and decided at your absence and you will be placed as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand seal of court on this 22-03-2024

By order of the Commission, Assistant Registrar-Cum-Assistant Administrative Officer, Bangalore Rural & Bangalore Urban 1st Addl. District Consumer Disputes Redressal Consumer, 1st Floor, BMTC 'B' Block, TTMC Building, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru- 560 023.

**Vikram Simha,** Advocate
MV Partners, #10/17, MSREC Road
Mathikere, Bangalore- 560 054

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients are the absolute owner of Immovable Property bearing **Site No.38**, New Municipal No.38, having PID No.97-1-38, under the limits of BBMP Ward No.46, Situated at RT Nagar, 1st Block, Bangalore, measuring East to West 15.24 mtrs and North to South 9.14 mtrs, totally measuring 139.2936 sq.mtrs together with Dilapidated Condition Residential Building and the Property is bounded on **East by:** BDA Land; **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.39, **South by:** Site No.37 and Whereas my client states that while in transit, they have lost the Original Registered Lease Cum Sale Agreement executed by Bangalore Development Authority in favour of Sri.S.Muniswamy, Doc.No.52/78-79, Book-I, Volume-2634, Pages 295 to 296, dated 04.04.1978 and Original Registered Release Deed executed by M.Kalavathi in favour of M.Ravi Kumar, Doc.No.1776/11-12, Book-I, CD No.GNRD48, dated 29.03.2012 registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar of Ganganagar, in this regard my client has made Search of the aforesaid original documents, inspite of their best efforts the above said original Documents have not been traced out so far. In this behalf my client has lodged complaint on 10.11.2023 through Bengaluru City Police Website, Police Unit: Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police, Bangalore (Vide Serial No.0803063). If anybody is having custody over the above mentioned lost Document or finds the same, they shall communicate/contact me with original documents to the below mentioned address

**I.M.DEVAIAH,** Advocate,
**I.M.Devaiah & Associates,**
No.4, Opp.Seshadripuram Post Office,
Seshadripuram, Bangalore,
Place: Bangalore Date: 25.03.2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client **MRS. TALAT YASMEEN** W/O. NAIM AKTHAR, intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule of property from its owners SMT. RADHA P MUTHAIAH and SMT. ANITHA P. M. (ANITHA MUTHAIAH). If anybody is having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections /claims/details of dispute/s within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the New Municipal No.99, Old No. 194/E, having New BBMP PID No.34-18-99, measuring East to West 35 feet north to South 12 feet, in all measuring 420 sq., feet (out of total property measuring East to west 35 feet, North to South 55 feet in all measuring 1925 Sq., feet), thereon constructed Out House property, consisting Ground, First and Second floor, situated at East Of Chord Road, (Previously Chord Road extension) Magadi Road, BBMP ward No. 124, Vijaya Nagar, Bengaluru and bounded on the:

**East:** Property belongs to Hanumanthegowda,
**West :** property belongs to Ramachandra
**North :** Property belongs to Krishnaswamy
**South :** 3-0 feet Passage.

**Place:** Bangalore **Date:** 25.03.2024

**S&S LEGAL**
**SHIVAREDDY. R. B.A., LL.B.,**
**Advocates and Solicitors**
**#105 & 106, 1st FLOOR, 'SURAJ PLAZA', No. 196/8, 8TH F MAIN, JAYANAGAR 3RD BLOCK, BENGALURU-560011**
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that my client **Sri.K.Krishna,** S/o Late K.Chengaiah, is the absolute owner and in possession of schedule property mentioned hereunder, However, my client has lost the original sale deed document, vide document No.635/1977-78, Book-I, Volume-1092, pages-222 to 225, Dated:23.06.1977, in the office of the sub registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore which were pertains to schedule property.

Therefore, the general public are hereby informed that if any one possess of the aforesaid document and claiming right, title and interest in respect of the property mentioned in the schedule herein below, will amount to fraud, mis-representation and illegal. If any person wants to file objection with regard to above, they may do so with in 7 days from the date of the publication to the address given below.

If no objections are received within the said period, it will be treated that there are no claims against the schedule property.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.30, carved out of Sy No.39/3, situated at Yediyur Nagasandra, Uttarahalli(H), BSTQ, presently comes under the limits of BBMP, having Municipal No.33,PID No.51-39-33 ward no.154-Thyagarajnagar, measuring East to West 45 Feet and North to South 15 Feet, in all 675 Sq.ft and bounded on East by : Road, West by : property of marigowda, North by : property of kamakshamma, South by : Site No.34 and property of Upanayak.

**A.M.GAJENDRA,** Advocate,
No.2, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Srinivasanagar,
Kathriguppe Main Road, Bangalore-560085.
Ph. No.-9845562465 Dated: 23.03.2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client has negotiated with the Owner, **MR. GEORGE M. J,**, Son of Mr. Joseph. M, aged about 72 years, residing at No. 33/4, Kishen Nivas, 3rd Cross, Ramaiya Layout, Near Food Magic Restaurant, Kammanahalli, ST. Thomas Town, Bangalore – 560 084, for the purchase of his Immovable Property being an Agricultural Land measuring 37 Guntas in extent, situated in Survey No. 8/1 of Kannur Village, Bidarahalli-3 Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, bounded on the East by Property belonging to Pachappa, West by Property belonging to G. Srinivas and Narayana Swamy, North by Property belonging to Chikkanjinappa and South by Road.

Any person or persons having/asserting any right, title or interest by way of sale, exchange, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, maintenance, lien, trust, family arrangement/ settlement, encumbrances, agreement holder rights, bequest, easement, possession, development rights, order/ decree/ judgment of any Court, agreement or otherwise however, claims or intending to oppose purchase in any manner may file their objections to the undersigned within **TEN DAYS** from the date of publication of notice hereof with documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained and my client will proceed with the purchase of the said property.

**(P. Manjunath Swamy),**
**Advocate,** No. 55, Geetha Mandir 1st Cross, Pemmegowda- Road, J. C. Nagar, Bangalore – 560006.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOW TO ALL MEN that, my clients, Sri. Pradeep, s/o Kariyappa & Smt. Usha, w/o Pradeep, both r/at No.154/14, Babusahebara Palya, Kengeri, Bangaluru-560 060, intend to purchase the property which is fully described in the schedule given hereunder from Sri. Murali.M, s/o Markandaiah and Smt. Swathi A.L, w/o Murali M, both r/at No.17/2, 22nd Main, 2nd Cross, Hanumagiri Nagar, Chikkalasandra, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru South-560 061 and accordingly entered into an Agreement of Sale, dtd:18.03.2024.

Any person/Govt./Local Bodies claiming any right, title or interest over the said property may inform the same to my client or his counsel, in writing within 15 days from today.

If objections are not received within that date my client will go ahead with the purchase and no further objection will be valid after that.

**SCHEDULE**

**ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL** of BDA Site No.214, Municipal Khatha No.214/214/214, Measuring East to West : 9.14 meters and North to South : 6.10 meters, totally measuring 55.75 Sq.meters, formed by the BDA, situated at Jnanabharathi (Valagerehalli) 1st Block, presently with the limits of BBMP, Ward No.130 and is bounded on:

East by : Site No.177, West by : 4th Main Road, North by : Site No.213, South by : Site No.215

**G.R. Gangadhara,** Advocate
# 431, 2nd Floor, Alankar Pearl Plaza,
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Mob : +91 9740296679
Email : grgangadhara@gmail.com
Place: Bengaluru Date: 25.03.2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, my clients **1) Sri.K.Govardhanagiri** S/o Late C.Krishnappa, and late Smt.S.A.Jayalakshmamma **2) Smt. K.Rajeshwari** D/o Late C.Krishnappa, and late Smt. S.A Jayalakshmamma both R/at No.7, A.Narayanapura, Dooravaninagar Post, Bangalore-560016, are cancelling the registered agreement of sale registered dated 06-11-1995, obtained by one S.Anthony swamy from their mother Smt.S.A Jayalakshmamma W/o Late Sri.C.Krishnappa, representing to be the G.P.A Holder of one Smt.Jayalakshmi W/o.late.S.A.Krishnappa, in respect of the schedule property and in this regard, my clients have also issued separate legal notice dated 15-03-2024 to the said Sri. S.Anthony swamy. Hence the public is hereby requested not to transact with the said . S.Anthony swamy in pursuance of the said registered agreement of sale dated 06-11-1995 in respect of the schedule property and in the event if anybody transact with the said S.Anthony Swamy, same will be at their cost and risk and for which my clients are not responsible

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No.17/2, extent an 0-10 guntas, situated at Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on;- **East By:** Land belongs to Muneerappa **West by:** Shanubhog Land and old Shettipalya Kempana land **North By:** Raja Kaaluve **South By:** B.Chinnappa's Land.

**Srinivasa Reddy R V & Somashekar R Advocate**
**R.V.S. REDDY AND ASSOCIATES**
**No. 3, 4th Floor, Thimmaiah Towers, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009**
**Date:** 25-03-2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that our client proposes to purchase the property described in the Schedule herein from **1. MR. M. ANANTHARAMAN, 2. MRS. B. S. SUMATHI DEVI, 3. MR. V. GIRISH, 4. MR. V. HAMSA and 5. M/s. VARNA BUILDERS,** a Partnership Firm.

Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any rights in the below mentioned property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with the supporting documentary evidence within 15 days from the date of this publication. Claim received thereafter will not be binding on our client and our client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claims/objections.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising of land with a incomplete Building thereon, now known as and bearing separate Corporation No. 59/1, measuring North to South : on Eastern side 101 feet 3 inches and on Western side 102 feet 3 inches , East to West: on Northern side 70 feet and on Southern side 75 feet 9 inches, situated in 4th Main Road, Gavipuram Extension, in Corporation Ward No. 49, K.G. Nagar, Bangalore, PID No. 49-92-59/1, BBMP, bounded on the: East by: Property now bearing No. 59, belonging to Arvamudan and K.V. Raghupathi; West by : Private Property; North by : Private Property ; South by : Private Properties and approach Road.

**Adv. Anupam Agarwal**
Ramniwas Surajmal (Advocates & Solicitors),
No. 511, 5th Floor, A Wing, Mittal Tower,
M.G. Road, Bangalore-560 001.
anupam@rsiegal.in M: 97406 45762
Date: 26/03/2024 Place: Bangalore

## HDFC BANK

HDFC Bank Ltd,.
HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (W) Mumbai-400013

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## POSSESSION NOTICE

**(U/s. Rule 8(1) FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002 issued a demand notice **dated 01-JAN-2024** Calling upon the Borrower **C KARNA DEVAREDDY S/O CHANDRA MOHAN REDDY** and Co borrower **C DEVASENA REDDY W/O, W/O CHANDRAMOHAN REDDY Co borrower CHANDRA MOHANREDDY S/O VENKATARAMAREDDY** to repay the amount mentioned in the **Rs.1,24,84,194.48 (Rs. One crore Twenty-Four Lacks Eighty-Four Thousands One Hundred Ninety Four and Forty Eight paisa Only)** within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rule on this **22th Day of March of the year 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the HDFC Bank Ltd for an amount of **Rs.1,24,84,194.48 (Rs. One crore Twenty -Four Lacks Eighty-Four Thousands One Hundred Ninety Four and Forty Eight paisa Only)** and interest thereon.

**Description of the Immovable Property**

All the piece and parcel of the property

| Sl No | Property Details | Address of the Property | Boundary | Area | Owner Name |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | All That Piece & Parcel of the Converted land Bearing new Sy No 162/2,(Old Sy no 162/P1) Measuring 2 Acrer, Situated at Keeranagere Village, Maralawadi Hobli, Kanakapura (T), Ramanagara (D) Property ID-152900201300200409 Property No.28/162/P1 measuring 8093.71 Sqm | Converted land Bearing new Sy No 162/2,(Old Sy no 162/P1) Measuring 2 Acrer, Situated at Keerana gere Village,Maralawadi Hobli,Kanakapura (T), Ramanagara (D) Property ID-152900201300200409 Property No.28/162/P1 measuring 8093.71 Sqm | **East:** Land in Sy no 211 **West:** Land in Sy no 163 **North:** Government Road **South:** Land in Sy no 166 & 164 | Total Area of 8093.71 Sqm. | C KARNA DEVAREDDY S/O CHANDRA MOHAN REDDY, H NO 892 GROUND FLOOR 10TH CROSS 23RD MAIN J P NAGAR BANGALORE DODDAKALLASANDRA - 560062 |

**Date: 22-MAR-24**

**Authorized Officer**
**HDFC Bank Ltd**

## punjab national bank

Circle Sastra , 26-27 Raheja Towers, Bangalore-560001
e-mail: cs8191@pnb.co.in

## DEMAND NOTICE U/S 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

All of you the undermentioned borrowers/ guarantors/ mortgagors are hereby informed that the Bank has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 in A/c of our **BO: Peenya Branch (125100)** and that the notice under Sec. 13(2) of the Act sent to you by **Speed Post / Registered A.D** has returned undelivered. Hence all of you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned below against each borrower/ mortgagors with interest accruing therefrom within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Bank will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub Sec. (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank. Please take notice that in terms of section 13(13) of the said Act, you shall not, after receipt of this notice, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured assets referred above, without prior written consent of the Bank. You are also put on notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence. Your attention is hereby invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to you to redeem the secured assets.

**Account Number, Name and Address of Borrower, Guarantor, Mortgagors & Amount Outstanding**

**Borrower : 1. Mr Sankar K, Primier Gruhalakshmi Apartement**
Flat No A/101,1st Floor A Block Peenya Village ,Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Jalahalli Cross, Bengaluru-560058.
**2. M/s Sansu Technologies Private Limited,** No 45, Beerappa Layout, Laxmipura Main Road, Abbigere, Bengaluru-560090.
**3.Smt Sulochana, Director :- M/s Sansu Technologies Private Limited**
No 1051,7th Cross, 7th Main, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097
**4.Sri Sankar K, Director :- M/s Sansu Technologies Private Limited**
No 1051,7th Cross 7th Main HMT Layout Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097

| Facility | A/c No. | Limit | Rate of Interest | Balance outstanding as on 19.08.2019(NPA date) | Total outstanding as on 31.12.2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cash Credit | 1251008700003599 | Rs.50,00,000.00 | 13% pa | Rs.65,95,482.75 | Rs 16,16,060.00 |
| Term Loan | 125100IB000061564 | Rs.35,89,520.00 | 13% pa | Rs.28,09,761.00 | Rs 18,10,251.26 |
| Term Loan | 125100SG00000443 | Rs.12,37,684.50 | 13% pa | Rs.7,91,977.50 | Rs 1.80,720.00 |
| | | | Total | | Rs 36,07,031.36 |

**The amount due to the Bank as on 31.12.2023 is Rs 36,07,031.36 (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Seven thousand Thirty One and paise Thirty Six Only ) with further interest from 01.01.2024 until payment in full (hereinafter referred to as "secured debt") & Further**

**Description of the Secured Assets : Facility : Cash Credit & Term Loan's**

All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat Bearing No A101 ,New Muncipal No 25/10, 1st Floor A Block in Premier Gurhalakshmi ,in Sy No 13/2, Peenya Village Yeshwanthpur Hobli Bengaluru measuring 644 Sq ft.

**Date of Notice : 07.02.2024 - Date of NPA : 19.08.2019**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 25.03.2024

**For Punjab National Bank**
**E Shivakumari**
**Chief Manager / Authorised Officer**

## Can Fin Homes Ltd

JAYANAGAR BRANCH

**"SAJINI", # 69 (Old No.35)**
Ground Floor, 12th Main
Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bangalore-560011
Mob:7625079101, Ph: 080-26630501
E-mail Id: jayanagar@canfinhomes.com
**CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699**

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**
**[proviso to rule 8(6)]**

E- Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Jayanagar Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **03-05-2024**, for recovery of **Rs. 38,50,000/-**(Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. Shankarappa V** S/o Venkataravanappa (Borrower) **Mrs. Sujatha** W/o Shankarappa V (Co-Borrower) **Mr. Vishwanath M V** S/o Mahadev (Guarantor) as on 25.03.2024 together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs. 73,50,000/-**(Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.7,35,000/-** (Rupees Seven Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Only).

**Description of the Immovable Property**

All that piece and parcel of an immovable Residential Property bearing No.183/103/4, formed in Sy.No. 103/4, Hebbagodi Village Panchayat 11B, Property No. 150200103100620163, Situated at Veerasandra Village, comes under the jurisdiction of Hebbogodi Village Panchayath, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, total 1200 sq. feet with building consist of Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor, thereon and bounded on : East by : 15 feet Road. North by: Others Property, South by: Remaining portion of Same Property West by: Property belongs to Ramaiah.

**Encumbrances : Nil**

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction : www.bankeauctionwizard.com

Date: 25.03.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
**Authorised Officer**
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

## KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Branch Office: No.1179/1, Near Ring Road, S.Nijalingappa Layout, DAVANGERE- 577 004
Ph No.: 08192-225660 e-mail:dvg.ksfc@karnataka.gov.in. Website:ksfc.gov.karnataka.in

**ASSETS FOR SALE THROUGH E- AUCTION**

**The primary assets of the following units which have been taken over under section 29 of SFC's Act are available for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" through E-AUCTION:**

1. **M/s. BMR Rice Inds,** (ID No KSFC/2022-23/AUCTION 53) (Rs. in lakhs)

| Description of the property | Reserve Price | EMD Amt. | Date of inspection |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Land & Building:** Plot No. 38, Sy No 91, measuring: 1 acre (4047sq.mtrs.,), KIADB HANAGAWADI Industrial Area, NH-48, Harihara, Davanagere Dist. Together with building/s thereon .i.e incomplete main rice mill building, compound wall etc., | 328.24 | 32.83 | 28.03.2024 11.30 AM to 1.00 PM |

2. **M/s. Hiran Enterprises,** (ID No KSFC/2022-23/AUCTION 57) (Rs. in lakhs)

| Description of the property | Reserve Price | EMD Amt. | Date of inspection |
|---|---|---|---|
| Land & Building: Plot No. 47, Sy No 91, measuring: 1012sq.mtrs(10893.43 sfts), KIADB HANAGAWADI Industrial Area, N H-4. Harihara, Davanagere Dist. Together with building/s thereon .i.e main factory shed/building-GF &FF,labour quarters,office room, compound wall etc., | 81.70 | 8.17 | 28.03.2024 11.30 AM to 1.00 PM |

The E-Auction will commence on 26.04.2024 at 11.00 am and closes on 03.05.2024 at 3.00 PM. Terms & conditions of sale through e-auction are detailed in website https://www/Kppp.karnataka.gov.in or www.ksfc.gov.karnataka.in and the interested bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid websites. For more details on participation of e-auction, please contact e-procurement help desk No.80460-10000 / 80689 48777 and may also contact our Branch Office.

**Date : 24.03.2024**
**Place : Davangere**

**Sd/- BRANCH MANAGER**
ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/725/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಫ್ಸಿ/2023–24

## STATE BANK OF INDIA

**Stressed Assets Recovery Branch**
Building No.11/90, Near Old Shivaji Talkies, Opp. Trust Well Hospital,
J C Road, Bengaluru - 560 002. Phone: 080- 25943663/25943677
Fax : (080) 25943762 Email:sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

## POSSESSION NOTICE

**Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)**

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower hereunder.

1. **Name of the Borrowers** : **(1) Sri Shabin George** S/o Sri George, No. 19, Building No. 3440, Umar AL Mukthar Street, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia 12644-560001, Email: shabingeorge2007@yahoo.co.in **(2) Smt Ancy Varghese** W/o Sri Shabin George, No. 19, Building No. 3440, Umar AL Mukthar Street, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia 12644-560001., Email: ancymod@gmail.com
**Demand Notice date :06.10.2023**
**Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice: Rs. 79,26,161-00** (Rupees Seventy nine lakh twenty six thousand one hundred sixty one only) as on 06.10.2023 and interest from 07.10.2023 and other charges and costs thereon
**Possession Taken date : 21.03.2024**
**Loan Outstanding amount : Rs. 83,72,264-00** (Rupees Eighty three lakh seventy two thousand two hundred sixty four only) as on 14.03.2024 and interest from 15.03.2024 and other charges and costs thereon till the date of realization of dues.
**Description of the immovable property:** **Schedule 'A' Property:** **1.** All that part and parcel of the Residential converted land measuring an extent 31 Guntas comprised in Sy. No. 164/3 of S Medhahalli Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk (duly converted vide official Memorandum dated 16.02.2012 bearing No. ALN(SA)/SR/55/2008-09 issued by the District Commissioner, Bengaluru District). **Bound:** On the East by: Land bearing Sy. No. 164/2, On the West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 72, On the North by: Land bearing Sy. No. 164/1,On the South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 165.
**2.**All that part and parcel of the Residential converted land measuring an extent 25 Guntas comprised in Sy. No. 165/1 of S Medhahalli Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk (duly converted vide official Memorandum dated 14.07.2010 bearing No. ALN(H)/SR/22/2010-11 issued by the District Commissioner, Bengaluru District).**Bound:** On the East by: Land bearing Sy. No. 172, On the West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 77, On the North by: Land bearing Sy. No. 164, On the South by Land bearing Sy. No. 165/2.
**Schedule'B' Property:** All that part and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing No. 318 in Second floor bearing E Khatha No. 150200102701021033, measuring 1676 Sq feet of Super Built up Area consisting of Three Bedroom with RCC flooring, moulded Doors and Aluminum Windows including proportionate Share in common area such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircases, Lifts and other areas of common use contained in the Residential Apartment complex known as "PUSPHAM E Town" comprising of Stilt, Ground and Three Upper floors constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property with One Car Parking Space exclusively earmarked for the Sole use and enjoyment with 0.89% Undivided Share, Right, Title and Interest in Schedule 'A' Property measuring about 546.30 Sq feet, Property standing in the name of Sri Shabin George, S/o Sri George.

2. **Name of the Borrowers : Sri Arifulla** S/o Sri Abdul Subhan, No. 715, 3rd Cross, 9th Main, AECS Layout, Singhasandra, Bengaluru - 560068
**Demand Notice date : 09.10.2023**
**Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice :Rs. 20,94,051-00** (Rupees Twenty lakh ninety four thousand fifty one only) as on 07.10.2023 and interest from 08.10.2023 and other charges and costs thereon
**Possession Taken date : 21.03.2024**
**Loan Outstanding amount :Rs. 21,19,555-00** (Rupees Twenty one lakh nineteen thousand five hundred fifty five only) as on 14.03.2024 and interest from 15.03.2024 and other charges and costs thereon till the date of realization of dues.
**Description of the immovable property:** All that part and parcel of Residential Site with bearing No. 17(PART), Khata No. 3309/202/50/17 in the Layout known as Ragam Gardens formed in converted Survey No. 108/5, 108/6 and 115/1 measuring East by 16.17 meters, West by 12.45 meters, North by 15.36 meters and South by 4.78 meters. All measuring 122.5 Square Meters (1319 square feet) Situated in Begur Village / Begur Hobli, Bengaluru. Presently comes under BBMP Ward No. 192. Property standing in the name of Sri Arifulla S/o Sri Abdul Subhan.**Bound:**On the East by: Road, On the West by: Road, On the North by: Remaining portion of Site No. 17, Belonging to Nisha K P, On the South by: Road

The above mentioend borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on above mentioned date.

The borrowers//guarantor/ mortgagers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** SARB Bengaluru for amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued and cost/ expenses thereon.

The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 21.03.2024
Place: Bengaluru

**Sd**/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

## HDFC BANK LIMITED

HDFC BANK

**Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013**
**Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001**
**Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com**

## DEMAND NOTICE

**Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) **(HDFC)** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

| Sl. No | Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s) | Total Outstanding Dues | Date of Demand Notice | Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | (b) | c | (d) | (f) |
| 1 | **(1) Mr. Birur Rohith Govindappa (Borrower),** Fidelity Investments, **Designation:** Manager, **Department:** Investments, 300, New Millenium Way, Durham, North Carolina, Durham-USA, residing at : No 4032, 2nd Main, 1st Cross, Hemavathi Nagar, Hassan-573201. **(2) Mrs. Shambunathnpura Vijetha, (Co-Borrower), Residing at :** No 23, 7th Main, Pramod Layout, Pantharapalya, Nayandhlli, Bengaluru 560039. **Mr. Birur Rohith Govindappa (Borrower) & Mrs. Shambunathnpura Vijetha, (Co-Borrower) both are residing at :** PO Box:27519, 2204 Parable Way, Cary North Carolina, Cary, USA, **Also at :** Plot 11 And 14, House Na, 20th Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Virupakshapura, Dasarahalli Villege, Bengaluru- 560092. **Mrs. Manjula.C.S. (Power of Attonery),** No 4032, 2nd Main, 1st Cross, Hemavathi Nagar, Hassan-573201. | **Loan A/c Nos. (1) 648876633 Rs.1,98,57,165/- (2) 657416881 Rs. 3,59,487/- Total Rs. 2,02,16,652/- (Rupees Two Crore Two Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Two Only) as on 29.02.2024** | **12.03.2024 ..... N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.02.2024** | All the piece and parcel of **Residential property vacant Site Nos. 10 and 15 and part of Site No. 11 and 14, 9 and 16, V.P. Khatha No. 455, Assessment No.38/1,** now within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike, **Khatha No. 2976/38/1/455/10 & 15/11 &14/9 & 16,** situated at Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Dasarahalli, Krishnarajpuram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 6 Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 79.5 Feet and North to South: 53 Feet in all measuring 4213.5 Square feet and bounded on: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Remaining portion of Site Nos.11 and 14, **South by :** Remaining portion of Site Nos.9 and 16. **And any Construction thereon present and future.** |
| 2 | **(1) Mr. John De Britto (Borrower),** Block No. A-314, Gulmohar Gardens, Sakthi Sai Nagar, Mallapur, Hyderabad, Telangana 500076. **Also at:** Shahi Exports Private Limited, **Designation:** AGM, **Department:** Production, A-7/3, Road No:12, Mini AP Parel Park, Nacharam, Nacharam Industrial Estat, Hyderabad-AP 508214. **Mr. John De Britto (Borrower), (2) Mrs. Soneya Arokya Mary (Co-Borrower),** No.9 Karumarri Amman Street, Christ Cottage, KFSC Layout, Oil Mil Road, Lingarajapuram, Near Ganesha Temple, Bengaluru 560084. **Also at:** Unit-205, 2nd Floor, Sri Sai Essel Apartment, S No 119, Bileshival, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru 560049. | **Loan Account No 637050473 Rs.16,42,142/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Forty Two

# EDITORIAL

To light a candle is to cast a shadow — Ursula Kroeber Le Guin

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— Ramnath Goenka

## INDIA NEEDS TO BRING ENVIRONMENT ISSUES TO POLITICAL MAINSTREAM

INDIA is facing an alarming rise in air, water and soil pollution. The rapidly worsening environmental situation is causing health disorders among humans and animals, polluting water resources and adding to global warming by causing more noxious emissions. One of the most credible air quality monitoring bodies of the world, IQAir, released its annual report earlier this week, in which New Delhi was ranked the world's most polluted capital and India the third most polluted country in the world. The parliamentary standing committee on agriculture had, in a report on the impact of chemicals on agriculture and allied sectors, said that the rampant use of chemical fertilisers and the failure to use organic manure had wreaked havoc on India's soil. The committee gave the example of the excessive use of nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium or NPK fertilisers, and said that while the desirable ratio for these nutrients' use is 4:2:1, they had been found to be used in the proportion of 31: 4.8:0.1. It said that in the absence of adequate soil testing facilities and efforts to educate farmers, the indiscriminate use of nitrogen fertilisers had led to poorer soil health and damage to the overall environment.

The situation on the water front is no better. The Union government's policy think tank, NITI Aayog, and its Comprehensive Water Management Index have painted a grim picture. Yet, these issues are not among the main concerns of our political parties. In the ongoing Lok Sabha election campaigns, issues relating to the environment have not found prominence in the manifesto of any political party. This is in sharp contrast to the concern shown to these issues by politicians in Europe, where a party formed to protect the environment is part of the ruling coalition in Germany. Almost half a dozen European countries have political parties that have protection of the environment as their main agenda.

It may be already late for India to centre-stage these issues in the political discourse before these polls. The push needs to come from the public. The prime minister won hearts last year when he mentioned the slogan of 'One Earth, One family, One Future' at the G20 summit in New Delhi. It is time for Indian voters to impress upon political parties that they wish to leave a safer planet for the generations to come.

## INTERSTATE ALLIANCE TO TRACK ANIMALS LAUDABLE

IN a first, three southern states—Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala—have come together to chalk out plans for ensuring a harmonised coexistence with wildlife. The forest departments of the states have decided to work together to avoid human-animal conflict, prevent poaching and protect the flora and fauna. They will also coordinate to track animal migration, map zones of known human-animal conflict, and increase joint intervention efforts. The agreement was inked during a meeting of the forest ministers of Karnataka and Kerala and officials of the three states in Mysuru last week. The states have also decided to undertake simultaneous surveys to find out changes to the animal populations. The surveys will be used to devise measures to protect the fauna. Noted environmentalist Madhav Gadgil has called for strict measures, including regulated hunting as an essential step. This is precisely the need of the hour, as an unprecedented increase in animal attacks has led to the loss of many lives, which in turn has led to volatile situations on the fringes of forests in all these states.

Wildlife experts have always been calling for more effective measures to tackle human-animal conflict. And lack of interstate coordination had been pointed out as a major hindrance in tracking animal movements. The loss of many lives could have been avoided had there been better coordination among forest departments in tracking radio-collared animals. So it is imperative that the three states ensure technology and expertise sharing, too. Better coordination among forest departments and sharing of information on animal movements and forest destruction are essential to ensure a peaceful coexistence.

The agreement is truly laudable. We know wild animals know no boundaries and cross state borders in search of food and water. Experts have pointed out a slew of reasons for the rising human-wildlife conflicts that include habitat loss, rapid urbanisation, poaching and decreasing resources. These are issues that bedevil all Indian states. Hence, these three states can set an example in the sort of interstate cooperation that is urgently needed in all regions of the country. We owe ourselves such measures to ensure that our biospheres stay safe and there is equilibrium between man and the wild.

QUICK TAKE

### CASE OF VANISHING MONUMENTS

HOW do historical monuments deemed of national importance go missing? Parliament has been informed of such vanishing acts five times since 2013. What is not clear is whether human encroachment, demolition or the growing tentacles of nature have gobbled them up. Now the Archaeological Survey is going to remove 18 'untraceable' monuments from the list it's supposed to protect, including a Buddhist site outside Varanasi and Sher Shah's cannons near Tinsukia. It's true that at 3,675 sites, protecting even the reduced list is a huge task for the poorly funded ASI. We must boost its resources and use satellite imaging and other technologies to preserve our heritage.

Digital apps have two avatars—one functional & convenience-oriented, the other cosmetic & social. Attitudes towards these influence the larger tussle between the physical and the virtual

## LIVING IN AN ERA OF PHYSICAL TRUST VS DIGITAL DISTRUST

HARISH BIJOOR

Brand Guru & Founder, Harish Bijoor Consults

WE live in a polarised era. At one end there is trust, and at the other its extreme opposite, distrust. There is nothing in between. All of society is gradually moving to an extreme end of this binary. While some of us believe that we live somewhere on the Plimsoll line of this belief, the truth is that we forever sway towards one extreme or the other.

Take one key issue staring at us every single day. We live in digital times. I pay my phone bill digitally, I order in food and grocery digitally, just as I book my movie tickets digitally. Digital convenience is something all of us take for granted. If the server of my electricity company is disrupted for a few days and I can't pay online anymore, I am disgruntled. As I am now. Digital and all the convenience it offers are taken for granted. These are all digital conveniences that are trusted and respected for what they do.

At the other end is a whole host of other things we take for granted as well. It is the daily news feed I get on my phone, the social media connections that add zing to my otherwise placid life, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, Threads and more. It is, equally, Tinder, Bumble and TrulyMadly. Social media is the new virtual connect to the world outside. A medium that helps me broadcast, like, follow and repost for the ostensible benefit of others.

Digital therefore has two avatars today. One is the functional and convenience-oriented set of apps that bring an Uber or Ola cab to my doorstep, and the other is the cosmetic and social. In this latter category lie the social connect apps, dating apps, and indeed every app that gets me outdoors and partying without going outdoors and partying at all. There sure is a 'real' life out there as there is a 'virtual' one. With the limited time on hand, many of us are gravitating more towards the virtual and less to the real. When I have those 40 minutes in a day to spare, I would rather immerse myself in my X and Instagram feed than step out and meet a friend (which involves a commute, an expense and a deeper involvement than the frivolous and skin-deep one I enjoy on my social media feeds).

In this 'work-in-progress' digital era, there is the real and the virtual. I am really getting more comfortable with the virtual, which I am tempted to cruelly dub 'unreal' even. There is a keen competition between the real and the virtual. The real seems to be losing steam for now, even as the virtual wins and strides ahead seamlessly. Think. In many of our lives, we tend to choose the virtual over the real. Governments, public bodies, schools and colleges, banks and even diseases such as Covid seem to be pushing us to embrace the virtual.

SOURAV ROY

The real is just too physical. Physical disconnect is the reality today. Does this fact not say that we are getting disconnected from the real and progressively embracing the unreal?

As 2024 chugs on, as the virtual world on our digital access devices gets thrust upon us by all and sundry, I do believe it is time to sit up and think. Think of the harm we do to ourselves, our relationships, society, the mental health of all, the economy, the polity, and most importantly, do think of the way we are bringing up our children to fit into a society that believes more in the unreal (sorry, 'virtual') and less in the real (proudly 'physical').

Am I being a dull bull in a crazy China shop of societal reality today as it has evolved? Am I being an antediluvian stable-keeper in a market where the horses have fled long back? Maybe yes, maybe not. Let me paint you a picture of the way things may pan out, thankfully in the not-too-distant future. Here are a set of random thoughts that make me happy that our collective mid-term future is safe and taken care of.

The real battle is between physical trust and digital distrust for a start. Let me take the easy case of the media. Print, radio, outdoor, point-of-purchase and television are media that have evolved over decades of use. Each is considered reasonably physical. Even television, which happens to be a medium curated by responsible editors and owners who decide what can be shown and what not, is today considered reasonably reliable. The least reliable of the four, but still as reliable as it can get.

On the digital side of the fence sit WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook, X and 61 other digital apps that rule the imagination of millions. What they see on these media seems to rule both minds and money for now. No wonder we have an army of 1,62,000 social media influencers in India alone. The young and the young at heart are locked onto these digital media. While physical media are time-respected, heritage-respected and respected for a whole lot of other reasons, digital media is more supported. Digital media is attracting more money from brands, marketers and advertisers of every kind. As print loses advertising revenue, a bulk of it and more is moving to digital platforms. As print struggles, digital wiggles.

Let me come back to the moot point of the battle between trust and distrust. The key question we asked in a February 2024 mass market research exercise in India that covered a sample of 1,42,000 customer-citizens was, when it comes to news, would you trust a newspaper or a digital platform? The answers? Newspapers 64 percent, digital 18 percent, and equal 18 percent. Interesting.

Let me take you back to a similar exercise we did in January 2023. The verdict then? Newspapers 54 percent, digital 27 percent, and equal 19 percent. The numbers tell a story of their own. The indicative trend-lines are interesting.

What about tomorrow?

This is only about news. We also have answers to these questions: how would you choose a doctor? A lawyer? A candidate to vote for? Buy a car? Buy a cosmetic-concealer? Identify a liposuction specialist? All the answers, despite the overwhelming attention and spending the digital medium is getting today, points to the physical versus the virtual. Is the future looking brighter for the physical and the real? Must you just wait it out as digital digs for itself a distrust grave of its own making? Ouch.

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## WTO HOBBLING WHEN THE WORLD NEEDS IT

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THE 13th Ministerial Conference of the WTO (MC13) ended with a whimper recently in Abu Dhabi, with trade ministers of the 166-member organisation barely stitching up a declaration to show for their efforts. In truth, not much was expected from MC13 for two related reasons. First, the organisation is mired in crisis, with deep divisions among the membership regarding the way forward to keep it going. Second, the differences amongst them needed to be sorted out, and dominant countries needed to show sufficient political will to resolve their differences. These are tall asks even during normal years, but when the realities of 2024 are factored in—especially elections in most major economies and an impending slowdown of the global economy—the asks look even more daunting.

In today's reality, when economic nationalism has become the mantra, there is little political support for trade. Project globalisation, fuelled by expanding production networks or global value chains, finds itself in choppy waters as the value chains have slowly but surely weakened. The pandemic dealt another telling blow. The final nail is the political turmoil between the Western alliance and China that turned the former countries inward-looking in an effort to decouple from the 'factory of the world'. With trade losing ground in the political pecking order, there was hardly a chance the WTO could receive political backing in Abu Dhabi.

Over the past several years, serious differences arose between the members over the negotiating agenda of the organisation. The differences came to a head in 2017, when some countries decided to discontinue the negotiations on the Doha Development Agenda (DDA), which the members had adopted by consensus in 2001. These countries decided to commence negotiations on (foreign) investment facilitation, electronic commerce, and domestic regulation of services through the Joint Statement Initiatives (JSI).

Importantly, there was no consensus on commencing negotiations on the new issues. This dealt a crippling blow to the spirit of multilateralism in trade, in which decisions are to be taken by consensus. The Marrakesh Agreement, the legal instrument that established the WTO three decades back, stated it "shall continue the practice of decision-making by consensus".

That the JSIs and the consequent decision to forge plurilateral agreements were not in accordance with the WTO's legal instrument was pointed out by India and South Africa. But despite these interventions, the negotiations for forging these agreements proceeded nonetheless. The WTO members had, in 2004, decided not to include substantive issues regarding foreign investment, again by consensus. This implies the decision to talk of investment facilitation not only broke the "consensus rule" but also a past agreement.

AFP

Trade protectionism is growing when the world is trying to stave off a slowdown. The move to decouple from China is also gaining ground. WTO, the body meant to reduce such protectionism, is stifled by irrelevance. The latest ministerial meet missed a chance to fix some systemic problems

At MC13, there was considerable pressure to include the Agreement on Trade Facilitation for Development as a plurilateral agreement. Among the major protagonists was China, with the US uncharacteristically keeping itself out of the negotiating process. India's intervention against the inclusion of this agreement helped in keeping investment facilitation out of the WTO. But more significantly, India's intervention prevented the setting of the damaging precedence of breaking the "consensus rule", thus threatening the very integrity of multilateralism in trade.

MC13 should have been utilised start remedying the systemic problems faced by the WTO, especially for rebuilding its broken dispute settlement mechanism (DSM). Considered the 'jewel in the crown' of the organisation, the DSM is vitally important for ensuring members implement their commitments. Unfortunately, it has been in disarray since President Donald Trump decided to paralyse its appellate body by refusing to appoint new members.

Equally important was the need to resurrect the developmental issues and concerns being addressed through the DDA. This is an undesirable augury given that the WTO has a crucial role to play in moving towards the realisation of Sustainable Development Goals.

The short shrift given to development concerns needs no better example than the refusal by the US and other countries to find a permanent solution for India's public stockholding for food security purposes. The legality of public stockholding and the provisioning of food subsidies has been questioned by the Agreement on Agriculture, raising doubts over the future of the government's decision to provide subsidised foodgrains to over 810 million poor citizens until the end of 2028.

The subsidies discipline of the AoA militates against the interests of developing nations, since the methodology for estimating the level of subsidies is bereft of any economic logic. The market price support given by India is compared with the level of international prices prevailing during 1986-88. Unfortunately, decisions on agriculture are overwhelmingly influenced by global agri-business companies for whom the advanced countries act as proxies. And, since these companies have shut down India's agricultural subsidies, the issue of public stockholding did not find even a mention in Abu Dhabi.

Unsurprisingly, trade protectionism is gaining strength as the global economy is slipping towards a recession. An effective rules-based WTO was designed as an antidote to trade protectionism, a role it is unable to play in its current state.

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### Opposition crippled?

Ref: *What 2 arrests reveal about our democracy* (Mar 25). The unprecedented but conceivably pre-planned arrests of two CMs, Hemant Soren and Arvind Kejriwal, close to the Lok Sabha general elections is decidedly meant to cripple the concerned parties. It seems the BJP is hell-bent on weakening the opposition parties. It seems to be heading not only for a Congress-*mukt* Bharat, but an opposition-*mukt* Bharat also.
**M Y Shariff, Chennai**

### Political gimmick

The article says everything is collapsing in the mother of democracy, but the common people have no worry. It is the corruption-tainted opposition politicians who are crying due to their misdeeds. Arvind Kejriwal purposely neglected to present himself before the ED. Is he above all the laws of the country? It is a political gimmick.
**Asokakumar V, Thrikkunnapuzha**

### Not comparable

Ref: *Kejriwal could hope to do an Imran in Lok Sabha polls* (Mar 25). Normally, in parliamentary elections, the BJP is set to sweep the polls in Delhi. But because of the alliance of AAP and Congress, if the BJP misses some seats in Delhi, it is a blow to the saffron party. But this cannot be compared to Imran Khan's performance in Pakistan, as elections in Pakistan are on military terms.
**Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery**

### Tainted victory

Raids and arrests by the ED and CBI against opposition parties will surely shroud the shine of the BJP's victory in the coming elections. It is unfair that the bank accounts of the main opposition party are frozen. It is the bounden duty of the government and EC to show to the world there is a level playing field for all players before the elections.
**Ullattil Pakiteeri Raghunathan, Thrissur**

### Ticket denied

The BJP has made the right decision by denying an MP ticket for Varun Gandhi. He was one of the greatest critics of government policies of the party on which he was elected. This is despite the fact that it was the BJP who gave him political life.
**Raghu Joshi, Davanagere**

### Animal activist

Ref: *Remembering St Francis, patron saint of animals* (Mar 25). The article wonderfully highlighted the life of St Francis, a well-known animal activist and founder of the Franciscan order. The narrations of the author are illustrative, enlightening, and engaging.
**R Sampath, Chennai**

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**POSTS OF THE DAY**

**Hardeep Puri** @HardeepSPuri
We don't live in that era anymore where people would come, take pictures of snakecharmers & project India as an 'underdeveloped third world'

**Asaduddin Owaisi** @asadowaisi
Bengali-speaking Muslims are already indigenous to India. He (Hamanta Sarma) is no one to demand proof of loyalty

**MK Stalin** @mkstalin
The ABVP's violent tactics, and even cancelling Left candidate's nomination, revealed their fear of defeat

# No change in China's pitch on Arunachal

PTI @ New Delhi

S Jaishankar

CHINA on Monday continued to claim that Arunachal Pradesh has "always been" its territory, notwithstanding India dismissing Beijing's claim as "absurd" and "ludicrous".

On Monday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian reiterated China's claim reacting to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's assertions on Saturday, dismissing China's repeated claims on Arunachal Pradesh as "ludicrous" and that the frontier state was a "natural part of India".

"This is not a new issue. I mean China has laid claim, it has expanded its claim. The claims are ludicrous to begin with and remain ludicrous today," Jaishankar said in response to a question on the Arunachal issue after delivering a lecture at the prestigious Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) of the National University of Singapore (NUS).

"So, I think we've been very clear, very consistent on this. And I think you know that is something which will be part of the boundary discussions which are taking place," Jaishankar said.

Lin, replying to a question from the official media seeking his reactions to Jaishankar's comments, said the border between India and China has never been settled.

"The China-India boundary has never been delimited and is divided into the eastern sector, the middle sector, the western sector, and the Sikkim section," he said. "Zangnan (the Chinese name for Arunachal Pradesh) in the eastern sector has always been China's territory," he said. China had all along exercised effective administrative jurisdiction over the area "until India's illegal occupation', which he claimed is a 'basic fact that cannot be denied'.

"In 1987, India formed the so-called 'Arunachal Pradesh' on China's territory under India's illegal occupation. China issued a statement right then to firmly oppose it and stress that India's move was illegal and null and void. China's position remains unchanged," Lin said. This is the fourth time this month China spoke about its claim over Arunachal Pradesh. Beijing said it has lodged a diplomatic protest with India over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Arunachal Pradesh on March 9 reiterating its claim over the area. China, which claims Arunachal Pradesh as South Tibet, routinely objects to the Indian leaders' visits to the state to highlight its claims.

# SEVERAL SITTING BJP MPs OPT OUT

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

SEVERAL sitting members of Parliament (MPs) of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) have in recent days expressed their 'unwillingness' to contest in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and requested the party's national president J P Nadda to relieve them of their electoral duties or not consider their names for candidature.

The matter has sparked some interest in the political corridors of Delhi.

Just days before the BJP released its first list, the party's sitting MP from East Delhi and former cricketer Gautam Gambhir had asked Nadda to relieve him of electoral responsibilities so that he could focus on his upcoming cricket commitments.

Soon afterwards, the BJP's sitting MP from Jharkhand's Hazaribagh Jayant Sinha wrote on X that he had requested the party chief to relieve him of direct electoral responsibilities.

"I have requested Hon'ble party president JP Nadda ji to relieve me of my direct electoral duties so that I can focus my efforts on combating global climate change in Bharat and around the world," he wrote in a post on X, formerly Twitter, adding that he would continue to work with party on economic and other issues. He has represented the Hazaribagh constituency of Jharkhand for the past 10 years.

On Sunday, the day when the BJP issued its fifth list of 111 candidates, two sitting MPs Gen (retd) V K Singh from Ghaziabad and Satyadev Pachauri from Kanpur wrote to the party chief expressing their unwillingness to contest in the upcoming elections.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah (R) with Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel (L) during the 'Dhuleti Mahotsav' celebrations in Gandhinagar on Monday | PTI

**BJP'S FIFTH LIST**

**37** sitting MPs dropped in the BJP's fifth list, which featured many first-time candidates like Kangana Ranaut and Arun Govil

**9** from Uttar Pradesh, five from Gujarat, four from Odisha and three each from Bihar, Karnataka and Jharkhand among the 37

**Six more names for Gujarat**

The ruling BJP announced the names of six candidates for Lok Sabha polls from Gujarat, including new faces for Vadodara and Sabarkantha where the party nominees earlier withdrew from the fray

Similarly, Vadodara MP Ranjana Bhatt expressed her unwillingness to contest this time. Curiously, new candidate Bhikhaji Thakr from Sabarkantha LS seat in Gujarat said he won't be able to contest after the party gave him the ticket. The party then fielded another candidate.

Harsh Vardhan, a sitting MP from Delhi's Chandani Chowk, quit active politics a day after the party made businessman Praveen Khandelwal as its nominee. Vardhan was a two-time MP from this seat. On Sunday, the party dropped two prominent Union ministers namely Ashwini Kumar Choubey, who is the sitting MP from Buxar in Bihar and Gen Singh, sitting MP from Ghaziabad. Conveying Holi wishes, Choubey in a post on 'X' on Monday dropped a very cryptic hint of his disappointment. He wrote, "The festival symbolises the victory of good over evil. Truth and struggle have been a part of my life. Truth may be troubled, not defeated. All well-wishers and supporters are requested to maintain patience. Everything will be fine".

## Kangana attacks Congress leader over Instagram post

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

Kangana Ranaut

Supriya Shrinate

A day after she joined the electoral fray on a BJP ticket, Bollywood actor-turned-politician Kangana Ranaut went hammer and tongs against journalist-turned-politician and Congress leader Supriya Shrinate over an objectionable Instagram post.

In a lengthy post on Instagram, Ranaut wrote: "Dear Supriya Ji. In the last 20 years of my career as an artist, I have played all kinds of women. From a naïve girl in Queen to a seductive spy in Dhaakad, from a goddess in Manikarnika to a demon in Chandramukhi, from a prostitute in Rajjo to a revolutionary leader in Thalaivii. We must free our daughters from the shackles of prejudices, we must rise above the curiosity about their body parts and above all we must refrain from using sex workers challenging lives or circumstances as some kind of abuse or slur. Every woman deserves her dignity."

However, Shrinate distanced herself from the post. Taking to 'X', she wrote: "Someone who had access to my Meta accounts (FB& Insta) posted an absolutely disgusting and objectionable post, which has been taken down". She went on to clarify, saying in the same post, "Anyone who knows me will know I would never say that for a woman. However, a parody account that I have just discovered misusing my name is being run on Twitter (@supriyaparody) which started the whole mischief, and is being reported".

### 'NARI SHAKTI' SLOGAN EMPTY, CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN UP, SAYS CONG'S RAMESH

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the formation of a Congress-led government in June 2024 will end the "10 years of anyaay-kaal for women". He alleged the BJP government's slogans of 'nari shakti' remain empty words without real action. For 10 years, the WCD Ministry has seen only "incompetence, apathy, and an anti-women mindset," Ramesh said. "While minister Smriti Irani herself remains silent as women across India are assaulted, waking up only for crimes in Opposition-ruled states, her ministry diverts funds away from necessary schemes and hardworking women," he claimed. Ramesh alleged that the five "massive failures" of the ministry are: "crimes against women and children have doubled; shrinking budget & underutilisation of funds; low pay and ill-treatment of ASHA and anganwadi workers; rise in anaemia among women and children; unemployment & lost income among women". On crimes against women and children, he said, "Around 35 lakhs cases of crime against women have been reported under the Modi Sarkaar, between 2014 and 2022.

Indian and Philippine officials shake hands in Manila Bay

## Outreach to ASEAN: Coast Guard ship in Philippines

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

AS part of India's efforts to strengthen relations with ASEAN nations, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship Samudra Paheredar, a specialised Pollution Control Vessel, reached Manila Bay, Philippines on Monday on a three-day visit.

The ICG in a statement said, "ship is on overseas deployment to ASEAN countries namely Philippines, Vietnam and Brunei from 25 Mar to 12 Apr 2024, as part of India-ASEAN initiative as announced by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in the year 2022 at Cambodia during the ASEAN Defence Minister Plus Meeting (ADMM-2022)."

"The deployment is the third in a row by the Indian Coast Guard to ASEAN countries. Earlier in the year 2023, ICG Pollution Control Vessel had visited Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia as part of the initiative," said the Coast Guard.

The deployment comes as geopolitical tension prevails in the South China Sea.

"During this deployment, the ship is scheduled to make port calls in Manila (Philippines), Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam) and Muara (Brunei). The ship is equipped with specialised marine pollution control equipment and a Chetak Helicopter in Pollution Response configuration, designed to contain, and recover spilled oil and augment the operation. The demonstration at visiting ports includes Pollution Response training and practical display of various equipment," ICG added.

# Ministry officers tasked with purging encroachment on national highways

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

File photo of an encroachment being removed along a national highway | PTI

THE Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) directed officers and implementing agencies tasked with monitoring the construction and maintenance of national highways projects to get rid of encroachments on roads under their jurisdiction. The ministry has made it obligatory for them to find out squatters, record their presence in their inspection note and issue directions to highway administration to initiate action.

"In order to ensure that national highways remain free from unauthorised occupation, it has been decided that it shall be obligatory on the part of the inspecting authorities of the ministry and its implementing agencies to ascertain unauthorised occupation during inspection of the national highways and bring out the fact and extend of unauthorised occupation in the inspection note, directing the designated administrations to remove the unauthorised occupation," read a circular.

The project directors of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), managerial level officers of the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), and executive engineers of the state public work departments (PWDs) have responsibility of highway administration, which includes prevention of squatting and their removal under their respective territory.

The officials and agencies functioning under the ministry are required to carry out frequent inspection of the sites and upload their reports on the Project Monitoring Information System (PMIS).

Last month, taking note of encroachment on national highways, the Supreme Court directed the NHAI to come up with a scheme for regular inspection of highways, for the establishment of grievance redressal mechanism and for taking prompt action on the basis of complaints.

Encroachments, especially by the dhaba owners and street vendors, have been a major concern for the NHAI as it results in traffic snarls and also causes accidents. In its report in June 2022, the parliamentary standing committee on transport, tourism and culture—also highlighted clogging of highways due to local markets, shops, hotels, parking of trucks at nights and recommended creating an effective policy to curb the encroachment.

TRAGEDY

## Ex-employee of Niti Aayog pursuing PhD in UK hit by truck, dies

PTI @ New Delhi

Cheistha Kochhar

A 33-year-old former NITI Aayog employee pursuing her PhD at the prestigious London School of Economics and Political Science died in a tragic road accident as she was hit by a refuse truck while cycling back home from the university here in London.

Cheistha Kochhar was a Doctoral Candidate studying behavioural research since she moved to London from Gurugram, Haryana, last year.

While tributes have been pouring in for the 'bright, brilliant and brave' student after her father shared the news of her death online, the Metropolitan Police are yet to officially name the victim and have appealed for witnesses to the 'fatal collision.'

The accident took place on Clerkenwell Road, near the junction with Farringdon Road, on March 19 evening.

"Officers attended along with paramedics from London Ambulance Service. A 33-year-old woman was found seriously injured. Despite the efforts of emergency services, she died at the scene. Her next of kin has been informed," the Met Police statement said.

"The lorry, believed to be a refuse vehicle, stopped at the scene and the driver is helping police with their enquiries. There has been no arrest and enquiries into the circumstances continue," the statement by the Met Police said.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or road users with dashcam footage which may have captured the events have been asked to contact the Met Police.

"Cheistha Kochhar worked with me on the #LIFE [Lifestyle for the Environment] programme in NITI Aayog," Amitabh Kant, former NITI Aayog CEO said in a post on X.

## Man kidnaps 9-year-old boy for ransom, kills him

PTI @ Mumbai

A tailor was arrested on Monday for allegedly kidnapping a nine-year-old boy for ransom of ₹23 lakh with which he wanted to build a house and murdering him in Thane district of Maharashtra, police said.

The boy, identified only as Ibadat, went missing when he was returning from a mosque in Goregaon village where he had gone for evening prayers on Sunday. Prima facie, the accused is known to the victim. He probably lured the victim to accompany him under some pretext, a Badlapur police station official said.

Police are investigating the exact circumstances under which the boy was kidnapped.

"The kidnapper called up the family of the boy and demanded ₹23 lakh for releasing him. He told them that he wanted money to build a house. Strangely, he disconnected the call abruptly," the official said.

Police launched a search for the boy after receiving the complaint on Sunday but failed to trace him or the kidnapper.

"On Monday afternoon, Ibadat's body was found stuffed in a sack hidden in the home of a villager," the official said.

However, it is not clear whether the arrested accused was the same villager or someone else. Police have registered an FIR under section 364 (kidnapping or abducting in order to murder) of the Indian Penal Code, said Badlapur police station assistant inspector Govind Patil.

In a separate incident, Mumbai police rescued a five-year-old girl kidnapped allegedly by two women from the city's suburb of Bhandup with an intention to sell her, just 12 hours after the crime took place, an official said on Monday.

Four women, two of them directly involved in the minor's kidnapping, were arrested from the Balkum area in adjoining Thane city and the girl was later reunited with her family, he said.

# Ministry seeks support to identify top tourist destinations

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Union Ministry of Tourism has written to other ministries and departments to participate in its 'Dekho Apna Desh People's Choice Tourist Destination Poll'. The initiative was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 7.

One of the objectives of the campaign is to obtain public feedback on the best tourist attractions across different categories—spiritual, cultural & heritage, nature & wildlife, and adventure activities for developing them into world-class tourist destinations, said an official. Besides the four main categories, the 'other' category is where one can vote for their personal favourites and help uncover hidden tourism gems in the form of unexplored tourism attractions and destinations such as vibrant border villages, wellness tourism, and wedding tourism etc

The choices will enable the ministry to identify attractions and destinations for development on a mission mode, contributing to India's journey towards Viksit Bharat, they added.

Participants can input their favourite tourist attractions into five defined categories that align with their preferences on MyGov.in, a platform introduced to build a partnership between citizens and the government. It's mandatory for participants to select at least one tourist attraction they have already visited from any of the five categories and choose at least one attraction that they wish to visit in the future.

The campaign will close on April 30.

"The launch, awareness campaign/ promotional activities are expected ...to increase citizen's participation/ Jan Bhagidari through multiple channels. The Ministry of Tourism is keen to collaborate with all other ministries and the state/ union territory (UT) government to maximise the participation of citizens in this campaign," read the letter sent to the secretaries of the ministries and department.

The embassies and high commissions abroad have also been promoting the campaign.

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Circular by the tourism ministry

**TEMPLE/MOSQUE ROW**

Noted archaeologist K K Muhammed has claimed the contentious Bhojshala/Kamal Maula Mosque complex in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district was a Saraswati temple and later converted into an Islamic place of worship.

3 CHILDREN DROWN IN RIVER IN RAJASTHAN

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■ Three parties critical of NC, PDP, Cong want to present an alternative ■ Sita, daughter-in-law of Shibu Soren, to contest from Dumka

# Parties to stitch 3rd front in J&K to take on I.N.D.I.A

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

THE decision on formation of a 'third front' in Jammu and Kashmir by three parties, who are critical to I.N.D.I.A bloc, is likely to be taken this week. If the Third Front emerges then the three parties may contest one seat each in the Valley.

Sources said the parties -- J&K Apni Party of influential businessman and former PDP leader Altaf Bukhari, DPAP of former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad and Peoples Conference of Sajjad Gani Lone – are engaged in talks on forming a Third Front.

"We have proposed discussions with various like-minded parties interested in advancing the welfare of the people of J&K," said Apni Party general secretary Rafi Mir.

The three parties are critical of all three I.N.D.I.A parties – National Conference, PDP and Congress – and want to present themselves as an alternative.

Of the three parties, Apni Party and DPAP were formed post Article 370 abrogation while Peoples Conference emerged as a bigger picture on the political scene after the fall of the PDP-BJP coalition government in June 2018 with many leaders deserting the PDP.

DPAP chief spokesman Salman Nizami said parleys on forming a 'grand alliance' with like-minded parties, including Apni Party and Peoples Conference, and some former MLAs are going on.

"The talks are in the initial stage. The decision on the formation of the third front may be taken this week," he said.

Nizami said although the proposed grand alliance will be for Lok Sabha polls, there is possibility the partnership will stay for the assembly polls.

The alliance will be headed by Azad and it will basically be for three Valley seats – Anantnag-Rajouri, Srinagar and Baramulla.

Sources said the leadership of both Apni Party and DPAP are also in touch with Sajad Lone of Peoples Conference (PC) for the pre-poll alliance.

According to sources, if the third front becomes a reality, then Azad may contest from Anantnag-Rajouri LS seat, Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari from Srinagar seat and both DPAP and JKAP will support PC chairman Sajad Lone from Baramulla LS seat. Sajad Lone has already announced his candidature for Baramulla LS seat.

Political commentators opined that if the third front emerges, it will pose a serious challenge for NC, which is insisting on contesting all three LS seats in the Valley as the party had won all of them in the 2019 polls. However, third front may make it difficult for the NC to retain all the seats.

They said Azad's entry from Anantnag-Rajouri seat may benefit BJP while Sajad Lone, with the support of Apni Party and Azad, may emerge as a strong competitor to NC from Baramulla seat.

### *Shiv Sena (UBT) 1st list on Tuesday: Raut*

Mumbai, Mar 25 (PTI) The Shiv Sena (UBT)'s first list of candidates in Maharashtra for the ensuing Lok Sabha elections will be formally declared on March 26, party leader Sanjay Raut said on Monday. The list of the Uddhav Thackeray-led opposition party, a constituent of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in the state, will contain up to 16 names, he said.

### *Paid holiday in Bihar on voting days*

Patna: The Bihar government has declared a paid holiday on voting days during the Lok Sabha polls for employees of public and private institutions, officials said Monday. According to a notification, there will be a holiday in the offices and work places in all those Lok Sabha constituencies, which will go to polls.

# BJP drops five sitting MPs in Jharkhand, fields Soren kin

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

DROPPING five sitting MPs in Jharkhand, the BJP has fielded Sita Soren from Dumka, Dhulu Mahto from Dhanbad and Kalicharan Singh from Chatra Lok Sabha seats.

Sita replaced Sunil Soren, Mahto replaced PN Singh while Kalicharan Singh replaced Sunil Singh. The other two dropped are Hazaribagh MP Jayant Sinha and Lok Sabha MP Sudarshan Bhagat.

Sita, elder daughter-in-law of JMM patriarch Shibu Soren and three times MLA from Jama Assembly seat in Dumka, was married to Durga Soren, elder brother of Hemant Soren. Durga Soren passed away in 2009 at the age of 39, after which she entered politics and got elected from Jama Assembly seat in 2009.

Sita resigned from the primary membership of JMM on March 19 this year, accusing it of isolating her and hatching a conspiracy against her family. Within hours of her resignation from the party and Assembly membership, she joined the saffron party in New Delhi.

Mahto was first elected from the Baghmara Assembly constituency in 2009 on a ticket from the Jharkhand Vikash Morcha (JVM) of Babulal Marandi, who formed the party after parting ways with the BJP.

Mahto, a controversial MLA who is facing more than two dozen cases, joined the BJP in 2014 and was elected MLA from the same constituency a second time. In the 2019, Mahto retained his seat from the Baghmara constituency making a hat-trick.

Sitting MP PN Singh, who was elected from Dhanbad Assembly seat in 2009, 2014 and 2019, was apparently dropped due to his old age.

Sunil Singh, who had defeated Shibu Soren in 2019 Lok Sabha polls with a significant margin, is said to have been dropped due to non-performance.

Notably, names of 11 candidates were announced in the first list released by the BJP on March 2, in which seven are old faces. The second list was released on March 24 which included all new faces.

Sunil Soren, who was included in the first list from Dumka, was dropped in the second list, and Sita was included in his place. AJSU, an ally of the BJP in Jharkhand, will field its candidates from one seat, Giridih.

Both the parties had also contested the 2019 Lok Sabha elections together. Presently Chandra Prakash Choudhary is the AJSU MP from Giridih.

In the BJP first list, Geeta Koda, who recently joined the saffron party, got a ticket from Singhbhum Lok Sabha seat.

Among the new faces are Hazaribagh (Sadar) MLA Manish Jaiswal from Hazaribag Lok Sabha, which happens to be a traditional BJP seat. Jaiswal replaced former Union minister Jayant Sinha after the latter expressed inability to contest from the seat.

Tala Marandi replaced Hemlal Murmu for Rajmahal seat. Murmu had lost the seat in the 2019 polls to JMM's Vijay Hansda.

The Lohardaga Lok Sabha seat, which was won by former Union Minister Sudarshan Bhagat, has been given to Rajya Sabha MP Sameer Oraon, whose tenure is ending this year.

### *Cong slams BJP over ex-judge's 'Gandhi and Godse' remark*

New Delhi: The Congress on Monday attacked former Calcutta High Court judge Abhijit Gangopadhyay over his reported remark that he "cannot choose between Gandhi and Godse" and demanded that his candidature for the Lok Sabha polls from the BJP be withdrawn. Gangopadhyay, who joined the BJP recently, was among the 19 candidates in the BJP list.

### *Cong releases sixth list, fields Prahlad Gunjal against Om Birla*

New Delhi: The Congress on Monday fielded Prahlad Gunjal, a former BJP leader and close aide of former Rajasthan chief minister Vasundhara Raje, to take on outgoing Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla from Kota in Rajasthan. The candidature of Gunjal, who joined the Congress last week, was announced as the Congress released its sixth list of five candidates for the LS polls.

# ASSAM CONGRESS MLA QUITS AFTER WIFE DENIED TICKET

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

AN Assam Congress MLA resigned from the party on Monday after his wife was denied ticket to contest the Lok Sabha elections. Bharat Chandra Narah, six-time MLA, was not happy about the snub to his wife Ranee Narah and on Sunday resigned as the chairman of the party's state media cell.

In his single sentence resignation letter addressed to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, he wrote, "I do hereby resign from the Indian National Congress with immediate effect."

Narah was confident that his wife would be nominated from the Lakhimpur seat but the party fielded Uday Shankar Hazarika instead. Hazarika, a former BJP leader who shifted his allegiance to the Congress a few months ago, will be up against the BJP's Pradan Baruah. Baruah is seeking a third straight term.

The Congress had a hard time choosing from the two contenders in the Lakhimpur seat. This was reflected in the delay in announcing the name of the candidate. The party had announced the first list of its 12 other candidates on March 13. The name of the Lakhimpur candidate was announced two days ago.

The Congress is contesting 13 of Assam's 14 seats. It allowed ally Asom Jatiya Parishad to contest from the Dibrugarh seat. Both are components in the state's 16-party opposition alliance.

Bharat Narah and his wife Ranee

Narah, who began his political career in the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP), served as a minister during both AGP and Congress regimes.

Ranee represented the Lakhimpur seat in the Lok Sabha for three terms. She also served as a member of the Rajya Sabha for one term and was Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs between 2012 and 2014.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the resignation of Narah was an internal matter of the Congress.

Asked if Narah will join the BJP, Sarma said, "He did not contact us before resigning. So, we understand it as an internal matter of the Congress. But as I said it before, all Congress leaders will come to us, today or tomorrow. Our door is open for all of them, including (state president) Bhupen Borah."

On March 15, Congress Barpeta MP Abdul Khaleque resigned from the party after he was denied a ticket. He withdrew his resignation later.

UTTARAKHAND

## ND Tiwari's nephew bids adieu to Cong

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

IN a series of setbacks for the Congress in Uttarakhand, another prominent leader, Deepak Balutia, who is the nephew of former Chief Minister late Narain Dutt Tiwari, has decided to part ways with the party.

Balutia, who has been actively involved in politics from his student days, said, "Currently, I have no intention of joining any other party." Balutia is the 15th leader to snap ties with the Congress since the announcement of the Lok Sabha election schedule.

As per the political scenario of Nainital parliamentary constituency, Balutia was the frontrunner for this seat. However, when Prakash Joshi was selected as a candidate by the party's top leadership, Balutia tendered his resignation.

Balutia had presented his candidacy in the Lok Sabha elections. Speaking to this newspaper, he said, "Prior to this, I had expressed my wish to contest the elections from Haldwani Nagar Nigam and Haldwani Vidhan Sabha." He added that he has been serving the party for 35 years yet the central leadership has consistently overlooked him.

**AKHILESH SAYS SOME LIKE ONLY ONE COLOUR**

Etawah (UP): Taking a veiled jibe at the BJP without taking its name, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Monday said Holi is a multi-coloured festival but some people like only one colour. Addressing a Holi Milan function in in Etawah, Yadav said, "This (Lok Sabha) election is an examination for you and me, along with that of the future of the country and democracy. If democracy survives, then the rights, which we have got will also survive," he added. "This (Holi) is a multi-coloured festival, some people do not like colours, they like only one colour. There will be people of different ideologies and different thought processes in it."

MADHYA PRADESH

# Once BSP's arch enemies, these ex-BJP men now star campaigners

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

THE proverbial saying 'politics makes strange bedfellows' is turning out to be true in Madhya Pradesh this Lok Sabha poll season. Two former BJP politicians for whom the BSP was once the arch rival, are now star campaigners of the same political party.

The BSP recently released its 40-strong list of star campaigners for the first and second phase of LS polls in MP. The list not only included party president Mayawati and other prominent national leaders, but also included BJP's former senior leaders, including ex-MP Ramlakhan Singh Kushwah and ex-MP minister Rustam Singh.

Ramlakhan Singh Kushwah is four times former BJP MP from Bhind LS seat of MP's Gwalior-Chambal region for whom, in the first two triumphs (1996 and 1998), the same BSP was the arch rival. Kushwah isn't alone in the list, but is accompanied by his former Bhind MLA son Sanjeev Singh Kushwah, who had won in 2018 polls on a BSP ticket after being denied ticket by BJP. He again contested as BSP candidate (on being denied BJP ticket) in 2023, but finished third.

Joining the father-son duo in the list of BSP's star campaigners is ex-MP minister Rustam Singh, who along with son Rakesh Singh had quit the BJP before the 2023 Assembly polls on being denied the ruling party ticket from Morena seat. Singh (a former police officer) had won the Assembly polls from Morena seat in 2003 and 2013 by defeating BSP candidates only.

Three other former BJP politicians too are part of the BSP star campaigners list, including former MLA from Maihar seat Narayan Tripathi (who has been named the BSP candidate from Satna LS seat), Ratnakar Chaturvedi and Subhash Sharma 'Doli'. All three Brahmin leaders – Tripathi, Chaturvedi and Sharma – hail from the Vindhya region and had contested the 2023 Assembly polls as independents from separate seats of Satna and Maihar districts after being denied BJP tickets, but finished distant third.

Importantly, the BSP had recently named seven candidates for the LS polls in MP, including Narayan Tripathi from Satna seat.

# 14 injured in fire at Mahakal Temple in Ujjain

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

AT least 14 priests, sevaks and other employees suffered burns and smoke-related problems in a fire that broke out during the treasured Bhasma Aarti inside the garbhagriha (sanctum sanctorum) of the world-famous Mahakal Temple in Ujjain of Madhya Pradesh at around 5.30 am on Monday.

The 14 people, who bore the impact of the fire and associated smoke, were rushed to the Ujjain District Hospital. Nine of them (with 20-25% burns) were referred to a private hospital in adjoining Indore, two were discharged after primary medical treatment, while three others were being treated at the same hospital. The 14 injured included priest Sanjay, priest's son Manoj, and purohit representative Vikas.

Acting on MP Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav's directives, Ujjain District Collector Niraj Singh ordered a magisterial probe into the incident. Ujjain District Panchayat CEO Mrinal Meena and Additional District Collector Anukool Jain will conduct the probe and submit the report in three days.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav meets one of the injured in the fire mishap, at Aurobindo Hospital in Indore on Monday | PTI

While the actual cause of the blaze could be ascertained only after the probe was completed, primary information suggests that the fire was triggered after the gulal (coloured powder used during rituals) fell into the plate bearing the burning camphor flame and turned intensely spreading to the floor and adjacent walls.

The MP CM, who turned 59 on Monday, rushed to Ujjain, which is also his home city. He visited the injured at the Ujjain District Hospital and later went to the private hospital on Indore's outskirts where nine persons who sustained 20-25% burns have been admitted.

He announced Rs 1 lakh as immediate assistance to the 14 persons who suffered burns or developed other health problems in the incident.

The early morning incident assumed particular significance as it happened on the morning of the festival of colours Holi. According to reports, the devotees who were seated in the Nandi Hall, which adjoins the Mahakal Temple's sanctum sanctorum, included the CM's son and daughter.

PM Narendra Modi said the Mahakal Temple fire incident was very painful and wished those injured a speedy recovery. In a message on 'X', Modi said, "The accident that happened in Mahakal temple of Ujjain is very painful. I wish for the speedy recovery of all the devotees injured in the accident. Under the supervision of the state government, the local administration is engaged in every possible help to the victims."

**CLOSE TIES**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attends a private dinner hosted by King of Bhutan Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck (L) and his family at the Lingkana Palace in Thimphu on Monday | PTI

# 4 kids die as mobile phone charging triggers fire in UP

AGENCIES @ Uttar Pradesh

FOUR children were killed and their parents injured in a fire at their home in the Pallavapuram area of this Uttar Pradesh district, police said on Sunday.

The incident occurred in the Janata Colony of Pallavapuram late on Saturday. The fire started from a short circuit while a mobile phone was being charged, they said.

The victims have been identified as Sarika (10), eight-year-old Niharika, six-year-old Sanskar alias Golu and four-year-old Kalu. Their parents Johny (41) and Babita (37) were injured, they added.

They were rushed to a hospital where the four children died during treatment. Johny is said to be out of danger but Babita's condition is critical, the police said.

# 2 devotees killed in stampede after landslip

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

TWO devotees were killed and seven others injured following a stampede at Dera Baba Vadbhag Singh shrine in Mairi village of Amb subdivision in Una district of Himachal Pradesh on Monday.

The devotees, who had come to take part in the Baba Vadbhag Singh fair, were taking bath in the holy spring in Charan Ganga early morning when large boulders slid down from the mountain following a landslide. As the boulders rolled down, the devotees started moving for shelter and there was a stampede. All the injured people were rushed to a hospital where two devotees succumbed to injuries.

The deceased were identified as Billa and Balveer Chand, both residents of Faridkot in Punjab. Una DC Jatin Lal said devotees will not be allowed to take bath in Charan Ganga till the situation becomes normal.

**GLOBAL WEATHER**

LR: Light Rain • WI: Windy • HR: Heavy Rain • SN: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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| Dhaka | 32 | 19 | TDS | Moscow | 5 | -3 | LC |
| Dubai | 27 | 18 | SNY | New York | 11 | 7 | LC |
| Houston | 24 | 11 | SNY | Singapore | 34 | 25 | TDS |
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# UN RESOLUTION ON GAZA CEASEFIRE PASSED, US ABSTAINS FROM VOTING

14 nations vote in favour of ceasefire during Ramadan; US' abstention upsets Israel

**UNITED NATIONS**

AFTER more than five months of war, the UN Security Council for the first time Monday demanded an immediate ceasefire after the United States, Israel's ally which vetoed previous drafts, abstained. Drawing unusual applause in the often staid Security Council, all 14 other members voted in favour of the resolution which "demands an immediate ceasefire" for the ongoing Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

The resolution calls for the truce to lead to a "lasting, sustainable ceasefire" and demands that Hamas and other militants free hostages seized on October 7. Russia at the last minute objected to the removal of the word "permanent" ceasefire and called a vote, which failed to gain passage.

The successful resolution was drafted in part by Algeria, the Arab bloc's current member on the Security Council, with a diverse array of countries including Slovenia and Switzerland.

"The Security Council just approved a long-awaited resolution on Gaza, demanding an immediate ceasefire, and the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages. This resolution must be implemented. Failure would be unforgivable," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a post on X.

The United States had repeatedly blocked ceasefire resolutions as it attempts to walk a line between supporting Israel with military aid and voicing frustration with leader Benjamin Netanyahu as the civilian death toll in the Gaza Strip mounts.

Meanwhile, Israel has scrapped its visit to the United States after the US abstained from the UN Security Council vote demanding a ceasefire in Gaza -- a move that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said hurt Israel's fight against Hamas and the effort to release hostages held in the territory.

The US is "very disappointed" by the cancelation of an Israeli delegation's planned visit to discuss concerns over a possible offensive in southern Gaza, the White House said on Monday. National Security Council spokesman John Kirby, however insisted that the vote "does not represent a shift in our policy," and said the US abstained because the text did not condemn Hamas. *Agencies*

Children look on as they stand with other displaced people evacuating from Gaza City in the Palestinian territory | AFP

**Israel scraps visit to White House**

Hurt by the US' absention on the UN's Gaza ceasefire call, Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu's office said on Monday that it has cancelled the departure of a delegation to Washington to discuss concerns over a possible offensive in southern Gaza

# Trump wins lifeline as court slashes bond demand

**NEW YORK**

DONALD Trump was thrown a huge lifeline Monday when an appeals court slashed what could have been a crippling demand for a nearly half-billion-dollar bond payment and also gave him 10 more days to pay.

The Republican presidential candidate got the unexpectedly positive news about his New York civil fraud case while he was sitting in court for another case – a hearing in his upcoming criminal trial over paying hush money to a porn star.

Trump had been facing a Monday deadline to pay the huge original bond pending an appeal against a judge's decision that he is liable for fraudulently conspiring to inflate his net worth.

Trump had made clear he was unable to find the $454 million and he risked seeing New York state confiscate parts of his property empire in response. Now with Monday's decision, he will have 10 more days to pay just $175 million.

Writing on his Truth Social app, Trump said he would "abide by the decision of the Appellate Division and post either a bond, equivalent securities, or cash."

The 77-year-old Republican began his day of twin legal crises in a Manhattan courtroom at a hearing to set a new date for his trial over payments he made on the eve of the 2016 presidential election to make sure porn star Stormy Daniels did not publicise a sexual encounter. "This is a witch hunt," Trump told reporters before walking into court.

The hush money trial had been scheduled to begin on Monday but was delayed at the last minute because tens of thousands of pages of potential evidence were belatedly produced by prosecutors.The Manhattan district attorney has told Judge Juan Merchan he would accept a delay of up to 30 days for the start of the trial while lawyers for Trump have asked for at least three months. *AFP*

**ASIA MATTERS**

## THAILAND SENDS AID TO WAR-TORN MYANMAR

Thailand delivered its first batch of humanitarian aid to war-torn Myanmar on Monday, in what officials hope will be a continuing effort to ease the plight of millions of people displaced by fighting. But critics charge that the aid will benefit only people in areas under the Myanmar military's control, while leaving the vast majority of displaced people in contested areas without access to assistance. Thailand sent ten trucks carrying some 4,000 packages of aid worth around $138,000, mostly food, instant beverages and other basic items such as toiletries. AP


**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The General Public is hereby notified that my client **Smt.Geethanjali S** is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule Property.

The original sale deed dated 29.09.2011 executed by Sri.S.Manjunath infavour of Sri.K.Sivadasa ide Doc.No 4934/2011-12 stored in Cd.No : BDHD74 registered at Bidarahalli Sub-registrar office, Bangalore for the Property bearing Site No.51. Khata No.1193/51, formed out of Property No.72/1, Bidarahalli Village , Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,Bangalore is misplaced/lost by client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged on 22.03.2024 vide Acknowledgement of Police Complaint vide Lost Report No.0981491/2024.

Any Person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 7 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall be doing so at him /their own costs and risks.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Site No.51 Khata No. 1193/51, formed out of Property No . 72/1 situated at Bidarahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 Square Meters and bounded on :

EAST : 28 Feet Road, WEST : Site No 46
NORTH : Site No 52, SOUTH : Site No.50

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general public that **Sri. P. Sathyaseelan** S/o Late. Parashuraman V. has lost the original allotment letter dated 30.12.2005 and original possession certificate dated 25.05.2006 issued by the BDA in favour of Sri. Jay Bahadur S/o. Late. Kashiram the original allotee Therefore, any person(s) having any claim in respect of the below referred property or part thereof by any right /title /interest/ otherwise claiming, howsoever, are hereby advised to approach in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned within a period of **7 days** of the publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

Description of the schedule property bearing Vacant BDA Site bearing No. 504, Arkavathi Layout, Block XIX, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), in Sy. No. 20, situated at Chalkere Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore

**SMT. SUNANDA S RATHOD,** Advocate
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general public that my clients **Mrs. Mangala** W/o Manjunatha.B.A D/o Chikkanagappa, Resident of Bullahalli Village, Harohalli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist, has lost the previous Owner's original Sale Deed bearing No.DNH-1-05735-2014-15, Stored in CD No. DNHD436 of Book-1, Dt:.27.10.2014 and General Power of Attorney bearing No.DNH-4-00045-2013-14,Stored in CD No.DNHD321 of Book-4, Dt:24-04-2013. Registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli in respect of site No.12, situated at Mangasandra Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist, bearing Sy. No.35/15 (Old Sy. No.35/2) Measuring to an extent 0-02 Guntas, My Client had Lodged a Police Complaint for lost Report No.0988555/2024 on 25/03/2024 under acknowledgment issued by the Station Officer, Devanahalli Police Station, If any person/s found the said sale deed and General Power Attorney please come forward with in a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Sy No. 35/15 (Old Sy. No.35/2) Measuring to an extent 0-02 Guntas., Situated at Mangasandra Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist, bounded on the:- **East by:**Land of Ashwathamma, **West by:**Land of A.N.Manjunath, **North by:**Private Property, **South by:** Multiple Road,

**T. NARAYANASWAMY, MA., LL.B.,**
**Advocate, Legal Consultant and Notary**
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public are informed that my client Smt. Gayatri S.N R/o Kenammangalam Shegehalli Bangalore East Taluk, **she is the** property bearing No. 150200401700525067, Khatha No. 1208/7/1 and 150200401700525066, Khatha No. 1207/7/1, Situated at Sheegehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently within the limits of Sheegehalli Village Panchayath, bounded on East by : 12 Feet Road; West by : Land belongs to Mr. Hemachandra; North by : Land belongs to Mr. M. Ramamurthy; South by : 12 Feet Road.

My Client had lost the Sale deeds during the transit while visiting the Bank loan purpose. Inspite of several efforts the Original Sale deed bearing Document No. KRI-1-20382-2006-07 dated 18.09.2006 and KRI-1-22864/2006-07 dated 12.10.2006 has not found and she lodged the police complaint through online dated 25.03.2024.

If anybody is having any claim / objections / custody over the above mentioned original documents or if found the same they shall communicate or contact or return the same to below mentioned address.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Our Client intends to purchase property morefully described in the Schedule mentioned herein below from its owner Smt. Thulasi, wife of P.Murthy, aged about 51 years, residing at No.26, 'A' Cross, New Extension, Byatarayanapura, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. Any person having right, title, interest, claim, objections or whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property may file their objections with documentary proof to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the said period, our client will proceed to complete the proposed Sale transaction presuming that above mentioned person is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and that there are no other Claimants.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.25, Khata No.37/38, situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Rajarajeshwari City Counsel, Bengaluru measuring East to West 60 Sq.ft and North to South 40 Sq.ft, totally measuring 2400 Sq.ft, and bounded on the: East by : 30 feet Road; West by : Site No.37; North by : Site No.24; South by :Site No.26;

**Sanjay H. Sethiya,** Advocate
**Law Square,** Advocates & Solicitors
Level Two, No.2/1, 3rd Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009. 080 4171 1481
Bengaluru, Date: 26.03.2024

**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)**

**B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560 001**

**Case No. OA.726/2023**

**CANARA BANK,** J. P. Nagar 7th Phase Branch, J. P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru -560078, by its Manager

**--VS--**

**Smt. Meena Devi Kolla Proprietrix of M/s. Dhathri Inc.**

**SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE:**

**To**
**Defendant:**

**Smt. Meena Devi Kolla,** Wife of Sri Prakash. M. K, Aged about 42 years, Proprietrix of M/s. Dhathri Inc, No.61, 6th Main, M. S. Ramaiah City, J. P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bengluru-560076 and Residing at No.72, "Sumukha Marvel Apartment" Kothanur Dinne, J. P. Nagar 8th Phase, Bengaluru-560076.
Mobile No: 9449051492
e-mail: Dhathrifoods@gmail.com

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19, of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of sum of **Rs.29,49,034.12ps (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Thirty Four and Paise Twelve Only)** mentioned therein together with Current and future interest, costs and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons on or before **29.04.2024 at 10-30 A.M.** in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this **06th day of March 2024.**

**By Order of the Tribunal**
**Signature of the Officer**
**Authorized to issue summons.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My clients, **Sri.Dala Ram S/o. Sri Jeetha Ram,** has entered into an agreement of sale to purchase of property bearing site no.1, Bommanahalli Nagarasabhe Old Katha No. 38/38/1 BBMP Khata No. 34/39, presently BBMP Khata No. 34/39/38/38/1 sy no 43 situated at Nyanappanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru presently comes under Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanaghara Palike, Measuring east to west 15 feet and north to south 40 feet, bounded on the East by : Site no. 2, West by: Road, North by: remaining portion of property No.43, South by: Road, from its lawful owner Sri Dinesh. Any persons/institutions claiming to have any right, title, interest, charge, lien or minor claims whatsoever over the said property may lodge his/her/their/its claims to the undersigned with documentary proof within **Seven (07) days** of this publication, failing which it will be deemed that no other person/s/institutions have any claim, demand, right, interest or title by way of previous sale or agreement to sell or mortgage or objections to purchase the said property by my clients and any such claims shall have no liabilities on my clients and my client shall proceed and complete the sale, as if there is no such claims.

**Sri. Prashanth.Kumar.K BA LLB**
**"LEX FACTUM",**
**Advocate and Legal Consultant,**
No.690, 2nd Floor, 36th Cross, 11th Main, Rajajinagar 2nd Block, Bangalore-560 010

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The General Public is hereby notified that my client **Sri.P.Subramanyam Naidu and Sri.Upendra Kumar S** are the absolute owners of the schedule Property.

The original sale deed dated 16.05.1995 executed by Sri.S.Chandrashekar infavour of Mrs. Devasmitha Guha Menon , P.Madhusudhan & Mandovi Guha Menon vide Document Number : 3653/1995-96 stored in Volume No : 4325 of Book-1 registered at Bangalore South Taluk sub-registrar for the Property bearing Site No.42. Khata No.122/42, carved out of converted land bearing Sy. No 44/1,44/2,44/3 situated at "Raghavendraswamy Orchard" ,Basapura Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore is misplaced/lost by client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged on 19.03.2024 vide Acknowledgement of Police Complaint vide Lost Report No.0981759/2024.

Any Person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 7 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall be doing so at him /their own costs and risks.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Site No.42, formed out of Land bearing Converted Survey Numbers : 44/1,44/2 & 44/3 converted from agricultural to non-agricultural non-agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion Ordee No. B. Dis. ALN. Sr(S) 408/1992-93 dated 31.12.1993 issued by the Special Deputy commissioner, Bangalore District, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 2400 Square feet situated at "Raghavendraswamy Orchard", Basapura village, Begur Hobli,Bangalro South Taluk, presently comes within the administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 192 and the same is bounded on :

East by : Property No.53/54
West by : Road
North by : Property No 43
South by : Property No 41

**Aswath B,** Advocate
#36 (317/C), 9th A Main, 40th Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagara Bangalore -560041
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## SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

### NOTICE UNDER SUB-RULE (1) OF RULE 8 OF RULES UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

WHEREAS the undersigned being the authorized officer of GICHFL, pursuant to the demand notice issued on its respective dates under section13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 calling upon you/Borrowers, the under named to pay outstanding dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the respective notices. You all have failed to pay the said outstanding dues within stipulated time, hence GICHFL is in exercise and having right as conferred under the provision of sub section (4) of section 13 of SARFAESI ACT 2002 read with rules thereunder, taken **Symbolic Possession** of the Secured Assets as mentioned herein below.

| Sr. No. | Loan A/C No / Name Of Borrower, Co-Borrower & Guarantor | Address Of The Mortgaged Property | Total Loan Outstanding as per Demand Notice | Date of Demand Notice | Symbolic Possesion Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | KA0020110002555/ KA00206100021 66/BANGALORE MR. KOWSAR MOHAMED S/O MR PEER AHMED MRS ASMA KHANAM W/O MR. KOWSAR MOHAMED | Northern Portion Of Site No 61/2, Bbmp B Khatha Sl No 2250 Situated At Vijinapura K R Puram Hobli,bangalore East Taluk, Comes Under The Jurisdiction Of Bbmp, Previously Under The Limits Of Krishnarajapuram Cmc Bangalore Measuring East To West 55 Feet And North To South 22 Feet In All Measuring 1,210 Sq.ft., And The Property Is **Bounded On** (Secured Assets). East By-10 Feet Road, West By -property Belongs To Muniswamappa, North By-property Belongs To K Manjuanth, South By- Same Property No 61/2. | Rs.16,52,702 & Rs.37,04,426/- | 21.12.2023 | 20.03.2024 |
| 2 | KA00201100040 52/ BANGALORE MR.S GOPALASETTY S/O MR SHAMANNA | Khaneshmari No.209, Khatha No.463, New BBMP Form 'B'is Sl No.328 Situated At Kadugodi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Formerly Bangalore South Taluk, Now Comes Under The Jusrisdiction Of Bbmp, Bangalore (Secured Assets). Measuring East To West 33 Feet And North To South 20 Feet, In All Totally Measuring 660 Sq.ft., And Property **Bounded On:** East By - House Of Sri. Kempaiah, West By - Road, North By-House Of Sri. Hemanna, South By-house Of Sri. Paramshivaiah. | Rs.22,62,938/- | 21.12.2023 | 20.03.2024 |
| 3 | KA00206100016 18/ BANGALORE MR.SUMOD SRIDHARAN S/O MR.SREEDHARAN K | Northern Portion Of Site No.48, Khatha No.48, Assessment No.317, Formed In Converted Survey No.76/1, And 76/2, Converted For Non-agricultural Residential Purposes Vide Its Order No. Alnsr (B)189/2007-2008, Dated 27.12.2008, Issued By Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District Situated At Maragondanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore (secured Assets). Measuring East To West 59 Feet And North To South 19 Feet, In All Totally Measuring 1121 Sq.ft., **And Bounded On:** East By -Private Property, West By - Road, North By -Site No.47, South By- Remaining Portion Of Site No.48. | Rs.21,53,530/- | 21.12.2023 | 20.03.2024 |
| 4 | KA00206100022 26/ BANGALORE MR. RAMASWAMY KANNAN RAJENDRAN S/O KANNAN PERUMAL RAMASWAMY AND MRS.RAJENDRAN SUKANYA W/O RAMASWAMY KANNAN RAJENDRAN | Site No.68, Khatha No.68, Assessment No.337, New Khatha No 2480/68, Formed In Converted Survey No.76/1, And 76/2, Converted For Non-agricultural Residential Purposes Vide Its Order No. Alnsr (E)(B)189/2007-2008, Dated 27.12.2008, Issued By Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District Situated At Maragondanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore (secured Assets). Measuring East To West 50 Feet And North To South 30 Feet, In All Totally Measuring 1500 Sq.ft., **And Bounded On:** East By - 30 Feet Road, West By - Site No.81, North By - Site No.69, South By - Site No.67. | Rs.36,72,599/- | 21.12.2023 | 20.03.2024 |
| 5 | KA00206100030 61/ BANGALORE MR.SAMAVEL MOSAS S/O DEVARAJU MRS.DEENA VOILEN W/O SAMAVEL MOSAS | Site No.61, Khatha No.252 Formed In Assmt No:25/2 & 25/3 Situated At Abbigere Village, Yashawanthpura Hobli,Bangalore North Taluk Presenty Comes Under The Limits Of Bbmp Ward No 12 Bangalore Measuring East To West 30 North To South 50 Ft Totally Measuring 1,500 Sq.ft., And The Property Is **Bounded On** (Secured Assets). East By - Site No 62, West By - Site No 60, North By - 30 Feet Road, South By - Private Property. | RS.50,27,025/- | 21.12.2023 | 21.03.2024 |
| 6 | KA00206100033 74/ BANGALORE MR.RADHAKRISHNANA THIRUPATHI S/O MR MATHIALAGAN MRS.D MADHURI W/O RADHAKRISHNANA | Flat No B-1- 2132, 13th Floor, Block 2, Sobha Silicon Oasis Apartment Situated At Beretana Agrahara, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Measuring Super Built Up Area Of 1103.224 Sq.ft., And The Property Is **Bounded On** (Secured Assets). East By - Open To Sky, West By - Common Passage & Lift,north By - Staircase & Thereafter Flat No B-1 2133, South By- Open To Sky. | RS.98,43,619/- | 21.12.2023 | 22.03.2024 |
| 7 | KA00206100034 94/BANGALORE MR.RANJANKUMAR. H. R S/O MR. H. G. RATHNAKARA | Flat No.11, Ground Floor, "Malnad Siri" Apartments, Measuring 1,760sq.ft Of Super Built Up Area Situated At Alahalli Village, Uttarahali Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore **And Bounded On**: East By -flat No.07, West By -flat No.09, North By -Corridor, South By - Private Property. | RS.54,00,800/- | 21.12.2023 | 22.03.2024 |
| 8 | KA00206100041 31/BANGALORE MRS.RANI BABY W/O B SAMSON MR.B SAMSON S/O B BABANNA | Nortern Portion Of Site No 59, Khatha No.68/59/59/3, Issued By Bbmp Situated At Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Measuring East To West 30 Feet North To South 20 Feet Totally Measuring 600 Sq.ft. And The Property Is **Bounded On** (Secured Assets). East By - Shri Narayana Gowda Sold To Shri Bhimasen, West By - 15 Feet Remaining Portion Of Same Property, North By -Road, South By -45 Feet Remaining Portion Of Same Property. | RS.40,17,813/- | 21.12.2023 | 21.03.2024 |
| 9 | KA0590100000612/ YELAHANKA MR. K KRISHNAIAH S/O MR. KEMPAIAH & MS. SHILPA. K D/O MR. KRISHNAIAH KEMPAIAH | Site No.45, Khatha No.49/12 Situated At Hurulichikkanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East To West 30ft And North To South 41ft, In All Totally Measuring 1230sq.ft., And **Bounded On:** East By - Property No.46, West By - Property No.44, North By-30 Ft Road, South By -Private Property. | Rs.23,40,233/- | 21.12.2023 | 21.03.2024 |
| 10 | KA0590600000178/YELAHANKA MR. KAMAL BAIDYA S/O MR. SUBRATA BAIDYA | Khatha No.829, Gramathana Vacant Site Property No.10/110/2 And Khatha No.830, Gramathana Vacant Site Property No.11/110/2 Situated At Forest Wood Layout,Handarahalli Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Measuring East To West Northern Side 42.25ft And Southern Side 42.8ft And North To South 60ft, In All Totally Measuring 2551.5 Sq.ft., And **Bounded On:** East By -Road, West By -Private Property, North By-Site No.12, South By - Site No.09. | Rs.14,42,197/- | 21.12.2023 | 20.03.2024 |
| 11 | KA0590600000240/YELAHANKA MR. RAGHAVENDRA DASHARATHA S/O MR. K. R. DASHARATHA RAMAIAH & MRS. ANANTHARAMACHAR DEEPIKA W/O MR. RAGHAVENDRA DASHARATH | Vacant Site No.79, Khatha No.1690(1690/153/79), Sy No's.153, 154, 160/1, 2, 3 & 5, New Property No.(pid No.)150200301700201702 Situated At Ganesha Nagar, Kurubarahalli Village, Tavareke Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East To West 50ft And Southern Side 33ft And North To South 60ft, In All Totally Measuring 1650 Sq.ft., **And Bounded On:** East By - 30 Feet Road, West By - Site No.58, North By- Site No.80, South By - 30 Feet Road. | Rs.13,28,778/- | 21.12.2023 | 20.03.2024 |
| 12 | KA0670600000424/ ELECTRONIC CITY MR. DASARI NAGESWARARAO S/O MR. DASARI SRINIVASARAO | Property Bearing Flat No.g-2, Ground Floor, "Sai Balaji Residency" Apartments Measuring 1005sq.ft., Of Super Built Up Area Situated At Hagadur Extension (Colony), Hagadur Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. East By: Common Passage & Flat No:G 1, West By: Open To Sky, North By: Open To Sky, South By: Open To Sky | Rs.30,91,650/- | 21.12.2023 | 20.03.2024 |
| 13 | KA0670600000781/ ELECTRONIC CITY MR. HARIKRISHNA BEERANGI S/O MR. SREENIVASULU BEERANGI | Flat No.305, 3rd Floor, "Sri Tirumala's Tranquil Residency" Apartments, Measuring Super Built Up Area Of 1080sq.ft., Situated At Narayanagatta Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore. Property **Bounded Are** East By:duct & Flat No: 306, West By: Open To Sky, North By: Staircase & Flat No 304, South By: Open To Sky. | Rs.27,76,873/- | 21.12.2023 | 22.03.2024 |
| 14 | KA0670600000834/ ELECTRONIC CITY MR. V. SUNIL S/O MR. C.R.V. RAJU MRS. ASHA. N W/O MR. V. SUNIL | Southern Portion Of Site No.6B, Property Bearing No.106/1A1, Khatha No.592/2, Situated At Annasandrapalya, Vibuthipura, Mujare, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Now Comes Under Bbmp, Bangalore. Measuring East To West 49ft And North To South 26.8ft, In All Totally Measuring 1313.2sq.ft., **And Bounded On:** East By : Property Belongs To C. Nanjappa, West By : Property Belongs To Chikkabbaiah, North By:Road, South By:Property Belongs To Yellappa And Muniraja Reddy. | RS.13,27,836/- | 21.12.2023 | 20.03.2024 |
| 15 | KA0670600000871/ ELECTRONIC CITY MR. VIJAYABHASKAR. V S/O MR. VIJAYABHASKAR MALLIKARJUNA LAGHACHERLA | Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, "Sunil Grandeur" Apartments Measuring 1130sq.ft., Of Super Built Up Area Situated At Horamavu Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore **And Bounded On:** East By-Open To Sky, West By - Open To Sky, North By - Open To Sky, South By -Lift Staircase, Lift & Flat No.302. | RS.52,06,020/- | 21.12.2023 | 20.03.2024 |
| 16 | KA0670600000108 2/ ELECTRONIC CITY MRS. HADIYA ALI | Flat No.G-104, Ground Floor, "Intact Avenue" Apartments Measuring Super Built Up Area Of 1256 Sq.ft., New Bbmp Khatha No.95/3, 307/2, G-104 Situated Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Ward No.192, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Property **Bounded is** East By: Passage West By: Open To Sky, North By: Flat No: G 103, South By: Open To Sky | RS. 34,37,078/- | 21.12.2023 | 22.03.2024 |

FURTHER, to this notice the borrower are informed that **GICHFL** shall be adopting method/s and/or may dispose the property in line with the provisions provided under the SARFAESI Act 2002 and rules thereto. The BORROWERS and the **PUBLIC IN GENERAL** is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above referred Properties/Secured Assets or any part thereof and any dealing with the Properties/Secured Assets will be subject to charge of GICHFL for the amount mentioned herein above against Properties/Secured Assets which is payable with the further interest thereon until payment in full.

**Date : 26.03.2024**
**Place : Bangalore**

**For GIC Housing Finance Ltd.**
**Sd/-**
**Authorised Officer**

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*It's desirable and inescapable that we do have several years of wage increases above a normal level. But we need to make sure it returns to normal* - ECB chief economist Philip Lane

# EU launches probe into Apple, Google, Meta

Anti-trust regulators to investigate the big tech firms under the newly enacted Digital Markets Act tech legislation

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

THE European Commission, the European Union's executive arm, on Monday said it was opening investigations into Apple, Google, and Meta for potential breaches of the newly enacted anti-trust law.

The stringent Digital Markets Act (DMA), which came into effect on March 7, seeks to rein in the big-tech firms by making it easier for people to move between competing online services such as social media platforms, internet browsers, and app stores. This, EU regulators believe, will ensure a fair business atmosphere.

The DMA has designated six big tech firms — Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, ByteDance, Meta, and Microsoft — as gatekeepers, making them comply with certain provisions to allow more competition in digital markets, such as allowing third-party app stores.

The European Commission said it will open five non-compliance investigations into how Apple, Google, and Meta are complying with the DMA. The investigations will be completed in 12 months.

The Commission will peruse the 'steering' rules of Alphabet and Apple to check if they allow app developers to migrate consumers to third-party app stores free of charge. It is also looking into whether Alphabet's display of Google search results is self-preferencing — that is, preferencing its own services such as Google Flights and Google Hotels over similar ones offered by others. The probe will also check if Apple allows end users to easily uninstall any applications, change default settings, and select an alternative default service such as a browser on iPhones.

Meta's controversial 'pay or consent' model will also be subject to scrutiny. Under this, users need to pay a monthly fee to keep their data protected and avail an ad-free version of Facebook and Instagram.

The Commission is also looking into Amazon's ranking practices on its marketplace.

"We have been in discussions with gatekeepers to help them adapt, and we can already see changes happening. But we are not convinced that the solutions by Alphabet, Apple and Meta respect their obligations for a fairer and more open digital space for European citizens and businesses," said EU industry chief Thierry Breton.

EU's antitrust chief Margrethe Vestager said the Commission suspects that the suggested solutions put forward by the three companies do not fully comply with the DMA.

**Back-breaking penalties**

EU regulators are known to slap large sums of money as fines on multi-national companies, which could break the financial muscles of violators. In the current case, the tech giants could face hefty fines of up to 10% of their worldwide turnover if found guilty. The fines can go up to 20% in case of repeated violations. Apple was recently fined over 1.8 billion Euros for abusing its dominant position in the market for the distribution of music streaming apps to iPhone and iPad users. The European Commission said Apple prevented app developers from informing iOS users about alternative and cheaper music subscription services available outside the app

INTERVIEW

# 'EXPECT A BOOM IN DOMESTIC TRAVEL SHARE'

Vishal Suri

INDIA'S travel & tourism industry will witness high growth over the next two years as there is a strong desire among local travellers to explore new destinations, **Vishal Suri**, managing director of SOTC Travel Ltd, tells Arshad Khan of *TNIE*. Unlike the general perception that foreign destinations such as Thailand, Vietnam and Dubai are impacting the popularity of domestic centres such as Goa or Kashmir, Suri says there is enough room for growth for everyone. Excerpts:

**How has been the recovery for you after the lull during the pandemic?**

Before the pre-pandemic struck, the market was growing at a CAGR of 10-12%. Then Covid happened. However, the recovery has been phenomenal. Last year (2023), business travel was more than 110% compared with 2019 and MICE business was 120% of 2019. Leisure, holidays, and domestic businesses grew 30-40% in 2023 over pre-pandemic levels.

While domestic and short-haul destinations led the recovery, the long-haul part of our business, which is North America and parts of Europe, due to stringent visa policy and diplomatic tension with Canada, faced challenges last year and was only 66% of the pre-Covid year.

**Do you expect the growth to continue in the summer season? What are the factors prompting Indians to travel more?**

For the next two years, there will be a very strong desire to travel. However, things like Covid and geopolitical tensions can impact the industry. Many in short-haul destinations have realised the potential of Indian travellers as Chinese are not travelling much. They know Indians are affluent and can spend. Thailand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and others have gone visa-free for Indians. This reduces cost and also removes a big barrier.

The other reason is the improvement in connectivity within the country and outside. The number of airports has doubled in the past 10 years with two big airlines — IndiGo and Air India — adding almost one plane every week. This summer is expected to be one of the best for us. Our booking trends are very encouraging and higher than that of pre-pandemic years.

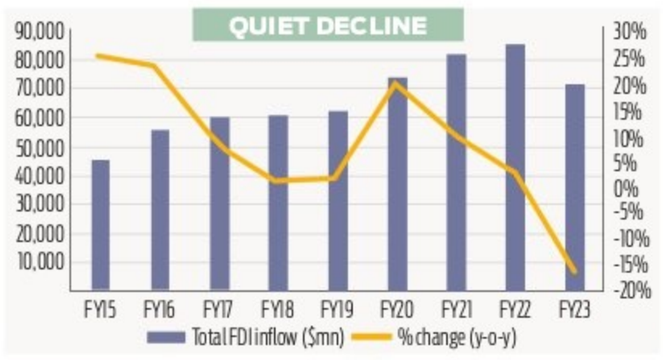
**As a lot of short-haul destinations such as Thailand, Dubai and Vietnam have become popular, has it impacted your domestic travel business? Also, is it making destinations such as Goa or Kashmir less attractive?**

In our portfolio, domestic business this year will be close to 15-18%. In my mind, over the next two-three years, it will be 20-25% of our portfolio. It used to be sub 5% during pre-pandemic times. If you look at our domestic business, we will be five times larger than what it was in the next two years.

Anecdotally, say that if I have to go to Kashmir, I'll spend ₹75,000-80,000. I can go to Thailand with that money. However, the reality is Kashmir is full. While improved connectivity and easy visa norms have added a lot of options to choose from, it is not that one is cannibalising the other. For example, there are a lot more hotel inventories coming out in Goa and the place now has a secondary airport. Prices obviously will correct at some point in time based on the demand-supply situation.

**The number of foreign tourists coming to India is much lower than Indians travelling abroad. What can be done to put India back on the global tourism map?**

India has less than 1% of the international tourist arrivals. While distress in the global economy is one factor, I think India needs to go back and ease the visa regime for inbound travellers. At present, a Visa for India is an expensive and lengthy affair and this discourages many from planning a trip here. We also need policies around creating some kind of tourism activities, such as skydiving, and snorkelling, and all of those have to be high quality. There also has to be nightlife and a supportive liquor policy.




# Sluggish FDI growth is new headache for govt

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE Indian economy is facing a new challenge — slowdown in foreign direct investment (FDI). In 2022-23, FDI equity inflows declined by 22% year-on-year to $46 billion. The year before, the inflows had contracted by a percent.

However, the FDI equity inflow number looks slightly better when reinvested earnings and other forms of capital are taken into account. In 2022-23, the FDI growth declined by 16% to $71 billion compared to a 3% increase to $85 billion in the previous year. In the current financial year till December 2023, the FDI in form of equity inflow was 13% lower y-o-y to $32 billion.

In its recent monthly economic commentary, the finance ministry acknowledged the problem. "Mirroring the slowdown in FDI flows to developing countries, gross FDI inflows to India also dipped but only slightly during April 2023-January 2024. In the 10 months, gross FDI inflows were $59.5 billion compared to $61.7 billion in the same period last year. In net terms, the comparable figures were $25.5 billion versus $36.8 billion," says the ministry. It also attributed the contraction in net inflows to a rise in repatriation of investment.

However, the rot is deeper than the picture the finance ministry is painting. The slowdown in FDI growth is not a recent phenomenon. The slowdown has been setting in since 2016-17. In the 10-year period to 2022-23, the FDI grew at a CAGR of 6.6% compared to 27% in the previous 10-year period. The FDI (equity inflow, reinvested earnings and other inflows put together) as a percentage of nominal GDP in 2022-23 was 2.1% compared to 2.7% in 2021-22. The highest that India ever achieved was 3.5% in 2008-09. In recent years, 2020-21 saw India's FDI/GDP ratio touching 3.1% largely due to contraction in GDP.

**Higher financing costs in 2023 significantly impacted international project finance and M&As activity, with a decline of 21% and 16% in deals, respectively**

Finance ministry report

According to Ritesh Kumar Singh, a corporate economist and a former assistant director of the Finance Commission of India, foreign investors remain hesitant towards India due to uncertainties in tax regimes, bureaucratic hurdles, and difficulties in enforcing contracts. He also cites India's neglect of free trade deals.

COLUMN

# Export Hurdles: Assessing the limitations of duty drawbacks

YUVRAJ KHETAN

EXPORTS AND economic growth go hand in hand. India's most recognised period of economic growth after the 1991 reforms saw exports rise from just 7% of GDP to 25% over 20 years. Poverty fell from 50% to 20%. The rapid growth phases of every country in the recent past have shared this feature.

Being competitive in the global market requires sellers to keep costs as low as possible, especially for inputs and raw material, as these often make up a substantial proportion of the cost. Since many inputs may need to be imported, the cost must stay low even if the source is a different country. China, a country hailed as an export powerhouse with over $3 trillion in exports, also imports about $2.5 trillion worth of goods. Economists have thus long pointed out the detrimental effect of import tariffs on a country's exports as they make local exporters less competitive. Instead of cutting tariffs, policymakers have offered duty drawbacks as a "trusted and time-tested scheme...to promote exports." But what are duty drawbacks and are they a solution for exporters?

A mobile phone maker who imports key components and assembles them in India for export would get a percentage of the export value as the duty drawback. There are three key issues with duty drawbacks that prevents them from working as intended: the amount recovered, the time taken and the opaque nature of the process.

The first issue with duty drawbacks is the limited amount of duty recovered. The exporter can opt for an All Industry Rate which is calculated every few years based on a weighted average of the duty paid on the material that makes up the exported good. For example, the drawback rate for mobile phones is 4%, along with a cap of INR 350 per unit. On a phone with an export value of ₹30,000 this cap results in an actual drawback rate of just over 1%. Given that import duties on mobile phone components are often in the range of 15-20%, the rate is insufficient to recover the duty paid.

**A duty drawback is an adjustment where the taxes levied on imported goods are refunded when the goods are exported. The idea is to reduce the burden of import costs for exporters while maintaining a tariff for domestic consumption**

For exporters not satisfied with this rate, there is an option of the "Brand Rate", which is a special exporter specific rate that can be applied based on certain conditions and should be fixed within a month. A CAG report from 2011 noted a delay in 96% of Brand Rate cases in Mangaluru with the average time taken to fix a Brand Rate being a year. In fast moving industries with complex global supply chains, such delays make India a very uncompetitive place to do business in.

Another significant issue is the delay in settling a drawback claim. While all drawbacks must be paid within one month in theory, the same CAG report found significant delays. In Andhra Pradesh, half of the 10,000 cases were processed in more than three months, with one-fifth of these claims taking longer than a year. Such delays in settling duty drawback claims tie up crucial working capital for exporters.

The final issue with the scheme is the overall difficulty in finding information related to it. Various government and private sources have separate lists of documents needed to apply for the scheme, with some listing 17 different documents. Moreover, there is little clarity on when the AIR is revised and often the latest revisions are difficult to find. Given the issues surrounding duty drawbacks, they are not the best solution for exporters.

How to promote exports, then? The solution is hiding in plain sight. Reduce tariffs on imports of equipment and parts and help build an eco-system that increases the competitiveness of Indian exports.

Increasing exports will scale-up domestic ecosystems, just as they did in Vietnam. From 2001 to 2010, their tariff rate on manufactured imports more than halved from 16.6% to 6.6%. From 2010 to 2020, their high-tech exports as a share of total manufactured exports went from 13% to a staggering 42%. There is no reason why India cannot emulate this.

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# Gen AI gains traction in IT services sector

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT services companies are betting big on Generative AI as there is a growing demand among clients on the emerging technology.

Accenture recently announced its second quarter results and it saw Generative AI new bookings of over $600 million in the quarter for a total of $1.1 billion through the first half of the fiscal year.

Julie Sweet, chair and CEO of Accenture, said: "We extended our early lead in generative AI with $1.1 billion in new bookings in the first half of the year. We are investing to serve our clients' needs and expand our growth opportunities with $2.9 billion of capital deployed in the first half in strategic acquisitions."

As the investments in AI continue to increase, the demand for AI talent in India is expected to grow at a CAGR of 15% till 2027. According to reports, India's AI market is growing at a CAGR 25-35% and is projected to reach about $17 billion by 2027.

# LNG imports increase 37.5% in February 2024

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA'S imports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) are up 37.5% in February 2023 over the corresponding period of the previous year, according to a monthly report by the Petroleum Planning Analysis and Cell (PPAC). The total LNG import in February 2024 was 2,522 million standard cubic meters (MMSCM) against last February's 1,834 MMSCM.

According to an S& P report, India is anticipating an upswing in LNG imports in 2024, with projections suggesting a substantial 7-8% year-on-year increase.

"Total imports of LNG (provisional) during the month of February 2024 was 2,522 MMSCM (an increase of 37.5 % over the corresponding month of the previous year)," reads the report.

India is trying to increase its LNG import capacity to lift the share of natural gas in its energy mix to 15% by 2030 from the current level of 7%. The move is to lower the dependence on dirtier fossil fuels such as coal and oil.

India's gas production in February was up 11.1% from the same month in 2023, at 2,947 MMSCM. The total consumption in February this year was 5,650 MMSCM (provisional). Major consuming sectors were Fertilizer (28%), City Gas Distribution (20%), Power (12%), Refinery (10%) and Petrochemicals (4%).

The total natural gas available for sale during February 2024 was 4935 MMSCM (an increase of 22.5% over the corresponding month of the previous year).

Meanwhile, India is also trying to cut down its import and increase production. According to a report by CareEdge Ratings, India's reliance on imported liquefied natural gas (LNG) is projected to decrease to around 45% by FY26, down from 53% in FY21. This change is attributed to an increase in domestic natural gas production, with nearly 30 MMSCM per day of new production added over the past three years.

# 'Illegal offshore gaming firms operating in India'

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

DESPITE the government's mandate for offshore gaming companies to register in India and pay taxes, not many firms seem to have complied as of December 5, 2023, experts say. This non-compliance by foreign entities worsens the issues for legitimate domestic businesses such as Indian startups operating within the legal framework. The presence of unregulated offshore entities adds to their challenges.

**Offshore Gambling companies continue to operate with impunity, leaving a long trail of destruction of people's lives and livelihoods in their wake**— Abhishek Malhotra, Partner, TMT Law

Online gaming companies want urgent action to tackle these issues and safeguard consumer and the industry's interests. Following the 51st GST Council decision in July, offshore gaming platforms must register in India and pay a 28% GST on their earnings to operate within the country.

The amendments moved in Parliament stipulate that overseas online gaming companies operating in India must register or appoint a representative to pay taxes in the country. The failure to do so will could result in their services being blocked in India.

Despite such provisions, numerous unregistered offshore platforms operate in India, generating a good amount of revenue. This unlawful practice impacts the registered Indian gaming platforms that pay 28% GST as it erodes their income streams, experts say.

# High attrition rate is still a major concern in banking sector, says Ujjivan SFB CEO

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

AFTER the pandemic, the banking sector has been seeing high attrition levels that it has never witnessed before. "As an industry, attrition levels used to be at the lower end of 20%, but it is now between 25-30%. If it comes down, it is good for the whole industry," said Ujjivan Small Finance Bank MD and CEO Ittira Davis.

In an interaction with *TNIE*, he said one of the main reasons for this high attrition is, "Banks are all trying to grow, opening new branches, where do they get people? from each other or from SFBs because we have good training programmes also."

In November last year, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das expressed concern over high attrition rates in certain private sector banks.

In the current fiscal, the small finance bank opened 100 branches. "We will open a few branches every year, but we are trying to balance that with digital," he said.

Ujjivan SFB will also add gold loan and four-wheeler vehicle finance to its offerings soon. "We will continue to add new products," he said.

EXPRESS READ

**Amul to launch fresh milk in US, says MD**

New Delhi: For the first time, Amul fresh milk will be available outside India, with the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation launching four variants of milk in the US market within a week, to cater to Indian diaspora and Asian population. "We have been exporting dairy products for many decades. This is the first time we are launching fresh milk outside India," GCMMF MD Jayen Mehta told PTI

## Alves pays bail for release from jail in Spain

Brazilian soccer star Dani Alves paid 1 million euros in bail to be released from prison while appealing a rape conviction, a Spanish court said Monday. Alves was expected to be released later Monday. Alves last month was found guilty of raping a woman in a nightclub in December 2022 and sentenced to four years, six months in prison.

After struggling at death last year, pacer impresses as RCB beat PBKS by 4 wickets

# Dayal settles in at his new home

KALYANI MANGALE @Chennai

29 runs from 6 balls. That is what Kolkata Knight Riders needed when Gujarat Titans interim captain Rashid Khan handed Yash Dayal a ball during the league stage of the previous season of the Indian Premier League. Rest, as they say, is a history. With 28 required from five balls, Rinku Singh went berserk to hit five consecutive sixes to secure the match that favoured Gujarat 99.55% on the win predictor. What Chris Morris called as "Stranger Things" of the game actually happened at the biggest cricket stadium in the world, and the 25-year-old UP bowler was at the receiving end of the heat.

After that, Dayal only played for Gujarat in one fixture and was released after the season. Even at the auction, when it came to him, the five sixes he conceded against Rinku dominated the talks. However, Bengaluru, hoping to overhaul their bowling attack saw something in the left-arm pacer. Andy Flower, the head coach of the side, focused more on his potential than flaws even when he had a hard time bowling in death overs during the 2023 season. "As far as Yash Dayal is concerned, we saw some of his potential. I know he had a hard time at death occasionally, but we believe he has high potential and we are looking for great things from him," Flower told JioCinema after they signed Dayal at ₹5 crore. And, Dayal was ready when it came to his debut at his new franchise home in front of some of the loudest fans in the competition. Sharing the new ball with Mohammed Siraj, the plan was to not give any room to Punjab captain Shikhar Dhawan to free his arms. After four balls, where he either left it alone or found a fielder, Dhawan finally got off the mark against the bowler. Even when Siraj went for a few runs and eventually got the wicket of Jonny Bairstow, Dayal was focused on doing his job. It continued in his second over, as the Bengaluru bowler kept Dhawan in check, while Prabhsimran Singh took his time.

Dinesh Karthik smashed 28 not out off 10 balls to help RCB win | VINOD KUMAR T

Captain Faf du Plessis introduced Alzarri Joseph inside the powerplay and it looked like Dhawan found his mojo against the West Indian. Then Dayal came back for his third over. The swing Flower had mentioned at the auction came into action. After three overs, his figures read: 3-0-10-0. The 26-year-old came back for his final over at the death, that is when the demons of the past would have hit him the most. But one could see there was a clear plan to bowl wide yorkers against Sam Curran. Despite getting hit for two boundaries and bowling two wides, he tried to execute his plans. Some athleticism from wicket-keeper Anuj Rawat finally gave Dayal the prized wicket of Curran. After his spell of four overs, he had conceded 23 runs, helping RCB to keep Punjab at 176/6. That ultimately helped the hosts as Virat Kohli (77 off 49) and an unbeaten cameo from Dinesh Karthik (28 off 10) took the hosts home. **Brief scores:** PBKS 176/6 in 20 ovs (Dhawan 45; Siraj 2/26, Dayal 1/23) **lost to** RCB 178/6 in 19.2 ovs (Kohli 77, Karthik 28 n.o).

# GAIKWAD V. GILL A BIG SUBPLOT IN CSK-GT TIE

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

THE Chennai Super Kings vs Gujarat Titans final in the last edition of the IPL is still clear in everone's memory. Both the teams had produced two excellent encounters last season. They will be hoping to produce similar kind of performances when they meet again at Chepauk on Tuesday evening.

CSK, holders, started off their campaign with a win at home against Royal Challengers Bengaluru, while Gujarat also enjoyed a winning start (Mumbai Indians at home).

The contest many believe will be a battle between two new captains, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Shubman Gill. Both openers will be watched for their tactical acumen and ability with the bat. In their last game, all the CSK batters got good starts. While that's always a plus, you need that one big score from one of your top-order to press home the advantage. But CSK coach Stephen Fleming is not worried.

"I liked the intent of the batters," he said during the pre-match press conference. "We have a longer batting lineup with the extra player and the intent our batters showed was great. You don't always get one big score, so to have everybody contributing was a positive as well, but yeah, games are easier if one player gets a 75 plus so that doesn't always happen.

"We don't know who is going to score (big) tomorrow, but players are training well for that occasion and the intent that they have got is very encouraging," he added. On the role of the anchor player, he said: "... now it's not defined like that. One day a player will get away better than the another player. Rachin (Ravindra) was nice and positive the other day, be it Ruturaj or another opening combination tomorrow. So we are still early on in the tournament, playing around with our combinations, but we want the players to be positive on a given day," said Fleming.

"Last year Ruturaj and Devon (Conway) played their role, they brought their runs in parts, so this year things are different for us. The volume of runs those two (Ruturaj, Devon) got last year was a big reason for us progressing through the competition," he added.

In the last game, Ravindra played an excellent hand, while another CSK debutant, Mustafizur Rahman, foxed RCB with his bowling. While Fleming confirmed that Matheesha Pathirana is fit and available for selection, the hosts are likely to play the same XI.

Spinners Rashid Khan and local boy Sai Kishore will be crucial for the visitors.

"Playing games with short breaks (just a day rest from the next game) is part of the IPL," Sai Sudharsan had told this daily a few days ago. "We have learnt to cope up with the travel and play in different conditions. Eagerly looking to play at Chepauk," he added.

**Full story: newindianexpress.com**

MS Dhoni along with CSK players and support staff at Chepauk on Monday | PTI

## *Titans face Super challenge*

IN WHAT WOULD BE A REPEAT OF THE 2023 FINAL, CHENNAI SUPER KINGS HOST GUJARAT TITANS ON TUESDAY. A LOOK...

**GILL VS RUTURAJ**

Two new captains, two highly rated batters going up against each other. It could not get any better for the Indian cricket. Both Shubman Gill and Ruturaj Gaikwad have started their IPL captaincy stints with a home win, but who will have the last laugh this time?

**RASHID VS CSK MIDDLE-ORDER**

The last time Rashid Khan played against CSK, he was taken apart by Ajinkya Rahane and Shivam Dube. The wounds of the 2023 IPL final might still be hurting the Afghan all-rounder. A year on, he has a chance to get back at the CSK middle-order duo at their den. Can he?

**WILL PATHIRANA PLAY?**

While CSK head coach Stephen Fleming confirmed that Matheesha Pathirana is fit and available for selection, it is not a certainty that he will walk into the playing XI. After all, Mustafizur Rahman has impressed everyone with a four-fer on debut. Early days, but sooner or later, there will be a clear idea on how CSK XI looks like.

**TODAY'S MATCH:** Chennai Super Kings vs Gujarat Titans, Chennai
**LIVE ON:** Star Sports and JioCinema from 7.30 PM

# Chennai to host IPL 2024 final on May 26

GOMESH S @Chennai

THE final of the 2024 Indian Premier League will be played at the MA Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai on May 26 as the BCCI announced the schedule for the remainder of the tournament on Monday. Qualifier 2 will also be played in Chennai on May 24 while Qualifier 1 and Eliminator will be played at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad on May 21 and 22.

The entire tournament will be played in the country despite the general elections which will be held across seven phases from April 19 till June 1. The home and away format is retained with the final league game played between Rajasthan Royals and Kolkata Knight Riders on May 19 in Guwahati. As was the case in the past, Guwahati will host a couple of home games for Rajasthan Royals and Dharamsala will host two matches for Punjab Kings.

Chennai Super Kings' third home game will be on April 8 against KKR before they go on road. Only after the first phase of the general elections, which will be held in Tamil Nadu on April 19, CSK will come back to the MA Chidambaram Stadium on April 23 to take on Lucknow Super Giants.

Similarly, Bengaluru will host only one game after May 12 as Karnataka will go to polls in four phases (May 13, 20, 25 and June 1). Lucknow, meanwhile, will host Chennai Super Kings on April 19, the same day when Uttar Pradesh holds first phase of polls.

The other interesting thing is that the Indian contingent will have five days before the 2024 T20 World Cup begins in the United States. India will play their first game in New York on June 5 — eight days after the IPL final. The Rohit Sharma and Co will not have much time to adapt and recuperate to the conditions in New York where they have never played before.

**REMAINING FIXTURES**

**Mar 26:** CSK vs GT (Chn) 7:30 pm; **Mar 27:** SRH vs MI (Hyderabad) 7:30 pm; **Mar 28:** RR vs DC (J'pur) 7:30 pm; **Mar 29:** RCB vs KKR (B'luru) 7:30 pm; **Mar 30:** LSG vs PBKS (Lucknow) 7:30 pm; **Mar 31:** GT vs SRH (Ahm'd) 3:30 pm; DC vs CSK (Vizag) 7:30 pm; **Apr 1:** MI vs RR (Mumbai) 7:30 pm; **Apr 2:** RCB vs LSG (B'luru) 7:30 pm; **Apr 3:** DC vs KKR (Vizag) 7:30 pm; **Apr 4:** GT vs PBKS (Ahm'd) 7:30 pm; **Apr 5:** SRH vs CSK (Hyd) 7:30 pm; **Apr 6:** RR vs RCB (J'pur) 7:30 pm; **Apr 7:** MI vs DC (Mum) 3:30 pm; LSG vs GT (Luck) 7:30 pm; **Apr 8:** CSK vs KKR (Chn) 7:30 pm; **Apr 9:** PBKS vs SRH (Mul) 7:30 pm; **Apr 10:** RR vs GT (J'pur) 7:30 pm; **Apr 11:** MI vs RCB (Mum) 7:30 pm; **Apr 12:** LSG vs DC (Luck) 7:30 pm; **Apr 13:** PBKS vs RR (Mul) 7:30 pm; **Apr 14:** KKR vs LSG (Kol) 3:30 pm; MI vs CSK (Mum) 7:30 pm; **Apr 15:** RCB vs SRH (B'luru) 7:30 pm; **Apr 16:** GT vs DC (Ahm'd) 7:30 pm; **Apr 17:** KKR vs RR (Kol) 7:30 pm; **Apr 18:** PBKS vs MI (Mul) 7:30 pm; **Apr 19:** LSG vs CSK (Luck) 7:30 pm; **Apr 20:** DC vs SRH (Del) 7:30 pm; **Apr 21:** KKR vs RCB (Kol) 3:30 pm; PBKS vs GT (Mul) 7:30 pm; **Apr 22:** RR vs MI (J'pur) 7:30 pm; **Apr 23:** CSK vs LSG (Chn) 7:30 pm; **Apr 24:** DC vs GT (Del) 7:30 pm; **Apr 25:** SRH vs RCB (Hyd) 7:30 pm; **Apr 26:** KKR vs PBKS (Kol) 7:30 pm; **Apr 27:** DC vs MI (Del) 3:30 pm; LSG vs RR (Luck) 7:30 pm; **Apr 28:** GT vs RCB (Ahm'd) 3:30 pm; CSK vs SRH (Chn) 7:30 pm; **Apr 29:** KKR vs DC (Kol) 7:30 pm; **Apr 30:** LSG vs MI (Luck) 7:30 pm; **May 1:** CSK vs PBKS (Chn) 7:30 pm; **May 2:** SRH vs RR (Hyd) 7:30 pm; **May 3:** MI vs KKR (Mum) 7:30 pm; **May 4:** RCB vs GT (B'luru) 7:30 pm; **May 5:** PBKS vs CSK (D'shala) 3:30 pm; LSG vs KKR (Luck) 7:30 pm; **May 6:** MI vs SRH (Mum) 7:30 pm; **May 7:** DC vs RR (Del) 7:30 pm; **May 8:** SRH vs LSG (Hyd) 7:30 pm; **May 9:** PBKS vs RCB (D'shala) 7:330 pm; **May 10:** GT vs CSK (Ahm) 7:30 pm; **May 11:** KKR vs MI (Kol) 7:30 pm; **May 12:** CSK vs RR (Chn) 3:30 pm; RCB vs DC (B'luru) 7:30 pm; **May 13:** GT vs KKR (Ahm) 7:30 pm; **May 14:** DC vs LSG (Del) 7:30 pm; **May 15:** RR vs PNKS (Guwahati) 7:30 pm; **May 16:** SRH vs GT (Hyd) 7:30 pm; **May 17:** MI vs LSG (Mum) 7:30 pm; **May 18:** RCB vs CSK (B'luru) 7:30 pm; **May 19:** SRH vs PBKS (Hyd) 3:30 pm; RR vs KKR (Guw) 7:30 pm;

**PLAY-OFFS:** **May 21:** Qualifier 1 (Ahm'd) 7:30 pm **May 22:** Eliminator (Ahm'd) 7:30 pm **May 24:** Qualifier 2 (Chennai) 7:30 pm **May 26:** Final (Chennai) 7:30 pm.

# Controlled aggression is key: KKR's rising star Harshit's childhood coach Kumar

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

HARSHIT Rana of Kolkata Knight Riders might have lost 60 per cent of his match for breaching the IPL code of conduct but his last over at Eden Gardens on Saturday won him big applause including the one from his childhood coach Shravan Kumar.

South Africa's Heinrich Klaasen of SRH was in rampaging form and nearly took his side home with his six-hitting spree, but the 22-year-old Harshit successfully defended 12 off the final over to take the two-time champions over the line in a last-ball thriller. He finished with the figure of 3/33.

"If a pacer doesn't have aggression then he is not a pacer," coach Shravan Kumar told this daily. Teaching Ganga International School students nuances of cricket for years, the coach first saw Harshit almost 10 years ago. "Like other aspirants, he too wanted to excel in sport. His father (Pradeep) was apparently an athlete and wanted his son to become a cricketer. Harshit also started attending training at my academy, Rohtak Road Gymkhana Club, in the evening after school. He wanted to bowl fast since the beginning," 71-year-old Kumar added.

Harshit gave a 'flying kiss' send-off to SRH opener Mayank Agarwal that drew criticism from all quarters including legendary former Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar. Coach Kumar too opined that controlled aggression is the key. "One needs to be aggressive on the field but in a controlled way otherwise the focus will be lost. He was fined that's okay but this can cause the player harm when he is not performing. It can come back to haunt you if you are not performing on the field."

To begin with, the right-arm pacer was not even picked in the IPL auction back in 2022. It was only after Jammu & Kashmir fast bowler Rasikh Salam was ruled out due to injury, he was roped in on a recommendation from his Delhi teammate Nitish Rana. When he got the call from Abhishek Nayar, head of the KKR Academy and assistant coach of the franchise, Harshit was one of the net bowlers for Gujarat Titans. The call meant he first made his debut for KKR in that edition against Delhi Capitals even before featuring for Delhi in the First-Class and List A matches a few months later. He played two matches in 2022 before getting six games the next year. But it was the last over a few days back wherein he claimed two wickets (Klaasen and Shahbaz Ahmed) giving away only eight runs that brought him into the spotlight.

Like former Australia all-rounder and KKR mentor David Hussey, Kumar also believed that Harshit could be good with the bat as well. "We have good facilities both at the school and the club. Our trainees get enough time to bat and bowl. I have always believed that even a genuine bowler should also bat. It comes in handy at the time of need. Harshit too is good at batting and can score quick runs," said Kumar, whose most famous protege is India pacer Ishant Sharma.

The coach slept early thus missing the match-winning effort of his ward. He, however, is confident that Harshit will come good in upcoming matches. "I know such match-winning performance will not come every day but a player can always give his best for his team. Fitness has been his (Rana) issue and if he remains fit, he can come up with more eye-catching performances," signed off the coach.

Harshit Rana (L) celebrates with teammate Rinku Singh on Saturday | AFP

EXPRESS READ

### India & Oz to compete across five Tests

NEW DELHI: The latest edition of the marquee Border-Gavaskar Trophy was on Monday extended by a match with India and Australia set to play five Tests later this year for the first time since the 1991-92 season, announced the Cricket Australia (CA). "The extended series for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy will be a headline of the 2024-25 home summer schedule set to be released in the coming days," CA posted on X.

### Double delight for Indian paddlers

NEW DELHI: Indian paddler Sreeja Akula clinched the women's singles title while Manav Thakar and Manush Shah reigned supreme in the men's doubles event at the WTT Feeder Beirut II in Beirut, Lebonan. The world no 47 Indian came from behind to pull off a 6-11, 12-10, 11-5, 11-9 win over Sarah D Nutte of Luxembourg. In the men's doubles final, which was an all-Indian affair, Manav and Manush beat Mudit Dani and Akash Pal 11-7, 11-5, 9-11, 11-6.

# Harendra frontrunner to replace coach Schopman

AGENCIES @New Delhi

HARENDRA Singh is the frontrunner to replace Janneke Schopman as the Indian women's hockey team coach after he recently appeared for an interview, with the national body suggesting that he is the best person to lift the side following its failure to qualify for the Paris Olympics.

Harendra has served at the same position in the past before being appointed as the United States men's team coach in 2021. "Yes, Harendra is in line to replace Janneke. Hockey India is keen to appoint him. He knows the structure of Indian hockey having coached both the men's and women's teams in the past. He is the best person to take the women's side to where it belongs," a source said.

Hockey India secretary-general Bhola Nath Singh confirmed that Harendra appeared for the interview but said his appointment is not yet confirmed as there are other candidates as well.

"Moreover, it is in his best interest also having been out of the country for the past couple of years. The only issue which remains is negotiation of salary because he is drawing a handsome amount in the US and it remains to be seen whether it can be matched."

### Sindhu, Srikanth for Spain Masters

**Madrid:** Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu and ace men's shuttler Kidambi Srikanth will continue their European grind at the Madrid Spain Masters tournament, beginning here on Tuesday. Last year's finalist Sindhu, seeded second here, will square off against Wen Yu Zhang of Canada in the round-of-32 contest, while seventh seed Srikanth will take on a qualifier.

Sindhu will hope to go the distance after having suffered a heartbreaking loss to Indonesia's Gregoria Mariska Tunjung in the previous edition of the tournament.

# Gauff enters Miami Open fourth round

AGENCIES @Miami Gardens

THIRD-RANKED Coco Gauff came from behind in the first set to beat Oc'ane Dodin 6-4, 6-0 and advance to the fourth round of the Miami Open for the second time in her career.

Gauff won 10 straight games after Dodin took a 4-2 lead in the opening set, thanks partly to nine double-faults by Dodin at critical moments.

Gauff has just one loss in her past 23 matches in the United States. That defeat came against Maria Sakkari at Indian Wells earlier this month.

Gauff, who turned 20 on March 13, is the youngest American player to hold a top-three seed at Miami. The reigning U.S. Open champion, who is from South Florida, attended the event growing up and said capturing a title there would be special.

Gauff will face No. 27 Caroline Garcia, who defeated Naomi Osaka 7-6 (4), 7-5 on Sunday in a match in which the pair combined for 28 aces.

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

# *Stimac says he will resign if India fail to reach third round*

AGENCIES @Guwahati

HEAD coach Igor Stimac on Monday said he will resign from the post if the Indian football team fails to reach the third round of the 2026 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers. Stimac has prioritised qualification to the third round and secure a direct entry into the 2027 AFC Asian Cup. "If I don't take India to the third round I will leave, with my pride, with my honour on everything that was done here in the five years of work. I will leave my position to someone else," Stimac told reporters on the eve of India's home leg match against Afghanistan here.

India can still advance to the third round but the task has got a lot tougher following last week's stalemate in the away leg against Afghanistan, from which they gained only a point. The Blue Tigers currently stand second in the group with four points from three games, one ahead of Kuwait, who are on three points from as many matches. India have never reached the third of the Qualifiers. Recently, Stimac's contract was extended until June 2026.

Igor Stimac

### Longer preparatory camps

Stimac also called for longer preparatory camps for the national squad ahead of big tournaments. The coach said that whenever a long preparatory camp was conducted the results were good.

### Chance for Australia, Saudi

**Tokyo:** Australia and Saudi Arabia are among the Asian Football Confederation heavyweights aiming to secure a spot in the next stage of World Cup qualifying with wins on Tuesday, while Japan's bid to advance will have to wait after North Korea cancelled a home game in Pyongyang.

Just hours after a 0-1 loss to Japan in Tokyo last week, the North Koreans informed tournament organizers that they could not host the return match. FIFA, the sport's world governing body, later cancelled the qualifier after deciding the game "shall neither be played nor rescheduled" because North Korea couldn't come up with an alternative venue and there was no room in the calendar for a postponement.

Like Japan, Saudi Arabia has won all three games so far and can secure their spot in the next stage if they can complete back-to-back wins over Tajikistan in Group G. Similarly, if Australia win against Lebanon in Canberra, they can guarantee a spot.

An abnormal protein in nerve cells that is a hallmark of Parkinson's disease and other degenerative nervous system disorders is detectable with a skin biopsy, according to a study published in JAMA. The researchers hope to eventually use skin biopsies to help diagnose patients and support clinical trials of drugs that target this protein, known as alpha-synuclein

# SIGHT GLAUCOMA EARLY WITH AI TECH

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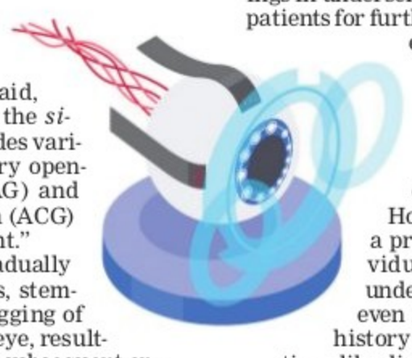
The diagnosis of glaucoma has come a long way, evolving from being solely depended on high intraocular pressure (IOP) to now Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabling detection even when IOP is normal. However, to effectively combat this vision-threatening condition, doctors say regular screening for individuals above 40 is essential.

Dr Meena Menon, consultant, glaucoma services, Sankara Eye Hospital, Bengaluru, said, "Glaucoma, known as the *silent thief of sight*, includes various types, with primary open-angle glaucoma (POAG) and angle-closure glaucoma (ACG) being the most prevalent."



POAG progresses gradually and is usually painless, stemming from gradual clogging of drainage canals in the eye, resulting in elevated IOP and subsequent optic nerve damage. On the other hand, ACG can manifest suddenly with a rapid rise in IOP caused by the closure of the drainage canal within the eye. This sudden increase in pressure can result in acute symptoms like intense eye pain, headaches and blurred vision. Some of the other types of glaucoma can result from trauma, chronic steroid eye-drops usage and complications from diabetes, she said.

"AI offers great potential in early glaucoma detection by analysing retinal images or OCT scans, detecting subtle changes before symptoms appear. Algorithms can measure parameters like retinal nerve fibre layer thickness, aiding in early diagnosis. AI-enabled screening systems can facilitate mass screenings in underserved areas, triaging high-risk patients for further evaluation. This optimises resource allocation and reduces healthcare system burdens, improving access to timely treatment," Dr Meena said.

Dr Navya C, consultant ophthalmologist at Athreya Hospital, Bengaluru, said, "As a precautionary measure, individuals aged 40 or above should undergo screening for glaucoma, even if they do not have a family history or underlying health conditions like diabetes or hypertension, since the condition often presents without symptoms. The screening can either be a visual field test or retinal nerve fibre layer screening for early detection."

Stating that AI plays a crucial role in early glaucoma detection, Dr Kavya said "AI analyses medical imaging such as optical coherence tomography (OCT) scans and visual field tests. AI algorithms can identify subtle changes in the optic nerve head and retinal nerve fibre layer that may indicate early signs of glaucoma, often before they are noticeable to human observers."

She said that this early detection can lead to timely intervention and treatment, potentially preventing vision loss or minimising its severity. "AI also aids in streamlining the diagnostic process, allowing healthcare professionals to prioritise patients who need further evaluation and treatment" she added.

Dr Sri Ganesh, chairman and managing director, Nethradhama Super Speciality Eye Hospital, Bengaluru, said "Glaucoma is a multifactorial disease and needs multiple inputs like IOP, optic nerve damage and visual field loss for diagnosis. Epidemiological studies estimate that glaucoma will affect 27.8 million people in Asia by 2040 with the maximum patients in India and China."

AI is of tremendous help when there are multiple variables to diagnose early glaucoma. Early detection of glaucoma can prevent blindness, as visual loss in glaucoma is irreversible, Ganesh said. He added that the latest technology in treating glaucoma is MIGS (microinvasive glaucoma surgery), which involves making microscopic incision into the drainage tissue and inserting a catheter within the drainage canal.

# 'DISEASE OF SOUTH' CAPTURES NORTH TOO

Dr Anoop Saraya, former head of department of gastroenterology, AIIMS Delhi, speaks on how pancreatitis, once termed as 'disease of the south' due to concentration of cases in south India, is now highly prevalent in north too. Excerpts from interaction with **Ashish Srivastava**:

**● What causes pancreatitis?**

Pancreatitis is an inflammation of pancreas which has multiple types. In acute condition, patients suffer pain in upper abdomen for more than 8-10 hours and at times radiates to the back and maybe linked with vomiting and distension of abdomen. The common causes include alcohol intake and gallstone disease. After an episode of acute pancreatitis, once inflammation subsides, there is a recovery of pancreatic tissue to a great extent. But in chronic cases, there is an irreversible damage to the tissue which may lead exocrine and endocrine deficiency. However, in 30-40% of cases, the cause is not known and are identified by idiopathic pancreatitis.

**● Does it manifest over other parts of the body as well?**

There are various complications of chronic pancreatitis. The cardinal presentation of chronic pancreatitis is recurring episode of pain in the abdomen and endocrine deficiency in form of diabetes and steatorrhoea, which is the excretion of abnormal quantities of fat with the faeces, because enzymes responsible or needed for digestion of fat maybe deficient. Recurring episodes can also result in narrowing of vessels in the vicinity of pancreas leading to clot formation which may turn into segmental portal hypertension as well.

INTERVIEW
DR ANOOP SARAYA

**● A survey in 2004 revealed high prevalence in southern states. Has anything changed after two decades?**

There is no change as such, but epidemiologically, when we started our career in gastroenterology, pancreatitis was considered as a 'disease of the south'. It was implicated that consumption of certain foods in this geographical area can cause damage to pancreatic tissue. Cassava used to be implicated cause of chronic pancreatitis but that wasn't found correct later. But once we started looking into it, we found high prevalence of this disease in the north as well. So there may be hereditary diseases, certain mutations in the genes or recurring injuries to the pancreas due to certain toxins which is driving the incidences.

**● Is chronic pancreatitis linked to development of pancreatic cancer?**

With cases of chronic pancreatitis, there is an increased risk of developing malignancy. Incidence of pancreatic cancer is also high among patients in this category. They are considered as high risk group for carcinoma pancreas.

What is needed is to keep such patients under follow-ups and treat their deficiency. If they have exocrine deficiency, enzyme supplementation is required. In endocrine deficiency, diabetes is treated.

If any weight loss in such patients is observed due to steatorrhoea or uncontrolled diabetes, then doctors should go for early diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. However, in this type of cancer, the prognosis is not very good. Less than five per cent of cases survive upto five years. The median survival in inoperable cases is six months.

**● Since the survival rate is very low, what people should do for prevention?**

You have to give up alcohol and smoking. These are two important risk factors. If a patient is a chronic smoker, continues to drink even after developing pancreatitis and eats food high in toxins and animal proteins, then it may lead to high oxidative stress, which can cause certain mutations in the pancreatic tissue and predispose the patient to pancreatic cancer.

GLIOBLASTOMA

# Next-gen CAR T-cell therapy can help cure brain tumour

HEMANT KUMAR ROUT @ Bhubaneswar

In what can be termed as one of the biggest medical breakthroughs in recent times, the Gen-Next CAR T-cell therapy in patients with glioblastoma has shown promising results, bringing enthusiasm among onco surgeons. Recurrent glioblastoma, the most aggressive form of cancerous brain tumour, till now had no effective treatment.

Glioblastoma is among the common primary brain tumours in both Indian and western population. Its prevalence is higher in men than in women, and patients suffering less vigorous glioblastoma have longer endurance with consequent morbidity.

Surgeons at Massachusetts General Hospital, US, have witnessed tremendous outcomes of the therapy during the first phase trial, known as INCIPIENT. The trial was designed to evaluate the safety of CARv3-TEAM-E T-cells in three patients, including a woman, with recurrent glioblastoma. Days after the treatment, all three patients experienced surprising reductions in their tumours, with one achieving near-complete tumour regression.

According to the first-in-human study published in The New England Journal of Medicine, all three patients, ages 74 years, 72 years and 57 years, who were treated with CARv3-TEAM-E T-cells between March and July 2023 experienced dramatic and rapid radiographic tumour regression within days after receiving the T-cells via a single intraventricular infusion.

The patients tolerated the infusions well and all had fever soon after infusion, as was expected from an active CAR T therapy administered into the fluid around the brain. While the 74-year-old man had his tumour regress rapidly after a single infusion of the new CAR-TEAM cells, an MRI conducted on the 57-year-old woman five days after the single infusion showed near-complete tumour regression.

Similarly, the 72-year-old man experienced a decrease in tumour cross-sectional area of 18.5% on day-2 after receiving a single infusion of 10x106 CAR-positive CARv3-TEAM-E T-cells. The tumour further decreased by 60.7% from baseline on day-69. The response was sustained and continued to improve till the last assessment that took place five months after the infusion, the study stated.

Dr Dillip Kumar Parida, head of radiation oncology at AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, said the successful trial is a breakthrough in medical science and it will be a game changer in cancer treatment if the therapy sustains in subsequent trials leading to approvals from drug regulatory bodies across the globe for commercial use.

"Recent advances in activation of T-cell receptor structure have paved the path for the development of numerous T-cell-based cancer therapies. Preliminary findings of the study showed exciting results. But this is just the beginning. The researchers at the Massachusetts General Hospital are pursuing the therapy that has the potential to do what was unexpected. So far, CAR T-cell therapy has been approved to treat blood cancers," he said.

**What is glioblastoma?**

Glioblastoma is a fast-growing cancer in the brain that is universally fatal despite available treatments. Symptoms include persistent headaches, blurred vision, vomiting or loss of appetite, changes and mood and personality, seizures and speech difficulty among others.

This intracranial brain tumour can be diagnosed and monitored through various brain imaging techniques, including computed tomography (CT scans) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). It carries a particularly poor prognosis, with median survival of 15 months and a five-year survival rate of less than five per cent.

Recurrent glioblastoma refers to glioblastoma that returns after initial treatment, which typically includes surgical removal of the tumour and chemotherapy. Glioblastoma is difficult to treat because it is a heterogeneous tumour as not all of the tumour cells are alike and they do not respond uniformly to any one treatment strategy.

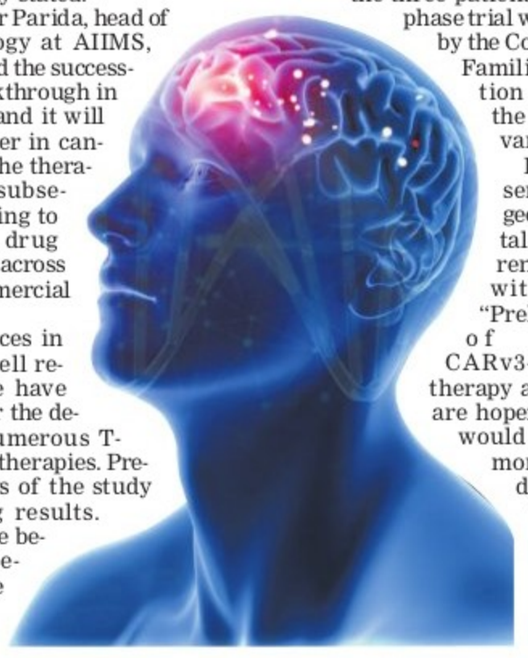
The standard-of-care therapy to treat brain tumour has been surgical resection, radiotherapy and temozolomide. Given the limited effectiveness of chemotherapy and radiation, alternative treatment strategies were needed to meet the specific challenges, including spread of tumour cells, impaired immunological response and drug delivery limitations posed by the blood-brain barrier.

XPLAINER

**What are CAR TEAM cells?**

CAR T therapy works by using a patient's own cells to fight cancer. Before the therapy, a patient's cells are extracted, modified to produce proteins on their surface called chimeric antigen receptors (CAR), and then injected back into the body to target the tumour directly. CAR T-cell engaging antibody molecule (CAR TEAM) cells was developed by researchers to address the challenge of heterogeneity in solid tumor cancers.

While CAR T-cells are designed to target a single spot on the tumours, CAR TEAM cells have a dual targeting mechanism that enables them to attack the cancer cells at two different targets. The new cells used in the three patients during the first phase trial were manufactured by the Connell and O'Reilly Families Cell Manipulation Core Facility of the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center.



Dr Salil Parida, senior GI oncosurgeon at Utkal Hospital, said the therapy renews hope for those with glioblastoma. "Preliminary findings of the novel CARv3-TEAM-E T-cell therapy are promising. We are hopeful that the trials would be conducted on more patients and Indian researchers would also be able to manufacture the CAR T-cells targeting glioblastoma," he added.

# Staying active can keep check on diabetes in kids

DR V MOHAN & G UMASAKTHY

DIABETES is a chronic condition that affects how the body uses glucose for energy. When it comes to children, managing diabetes requires special attention and care. There are two main types of diabetes in children – type 1 and type 2. Diabetes in children can present itself in different forms, with type 1 and 2 being the most common.

Type 1 is an autoimmune condition where the body attacks insulin-producing cells, requiring daily insulin injections for management. On the other hand, type 2 diabetes is often linked to lifestyle factors like obesity and sedentary habits. This type usually develops gradually and may initially be managed through diet and exercise before potentially progressing to medication or insulin therapy.

PULSE OF THE MATTER

Maturity Onset Diabetes in Young, also known as MODY, is a lesser-known type of diabetes that sets itself apart from common types like type 1 and 2. What makes MODY unique is its hereditary nature – it's passed down through generations due to mutations in specific genes.

Diabetes in children can present with various symptoms that may indicate the need for further evaluation. Symptoms of type 1 diabetes often include increased thirst, frequent urination, unexplained weight loss, and fatigue. On the other hand, type 2 diabetes symptoms can manifest as increased hunger, darkened skin patches around the neck or armpits, and recurrent infections.

During a physical examination, the presence of velvety thickening of the skin in areas such as the neck or armpits, known as *Acanthosis nigricans*, can strongly indicate insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes. Children with type 1 diabetes typically have a lean build and exhibit poor insulin secretion. To differentiate between type 1 and 2 diabetes, specialised tests like c-peptide assay and GAD antibody testing can be conducted.

In cases of MODY, precise genetic testing plays a crucial role in diagnosing this condition. Testing not only aids in confirming the diagnosis, but also helps in correcting any misdiagnoses where children may have been wrongly labelled as having type 1 diabetes. By identifying MODY through genetic testing, children can potentially transition from insulin therapy to more appropriate treatments like sulfonylureas.

It's worth noting that our centre is among the select few in the country that offers genetic testing for MODY and other monogenic forms of diabetes.

Dr V Mohan, chairman, Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialties Centre

G Umasakthy, Dietitian

Early detection is key to managing diabetes effectively in children. By recognising the signs early on and seeking timely medical attention, parents and caregivers can help ensure proper care and support for their child's health.

Treatment for type 1 diabetes typically involves daily insulin injections to help regulate blood sugar levels. Children may need four or more injections throughout the day, but the good news is that insulin needles are very tiny, making the shots relatively painless.

In addition to insulin therapy, monitoring blood sugar levels regularly is crucial in managing type 1 diabetes effectively. Continuous glucose monitoring devices have made this process more convenient and less invasive than traditional finger prick tests.

When it comes to treating type 2 diabetes in children, the approach may vary from that of adults. In cases where lifestyle changes alone are not sufficient, diabetologists may prescribe oral medications like metformin or even insulin therapy.

MODY can be managed with oral medications like sulphonylureas or very rarely with insulin injections, while certain types may not necessitate any treatment. Proper management of diabetes in children is crucial for their overall health and well-being. It involves a holistic approach that encompasses medication, lifestyle changes, and continuous monitoring. By effectively managing diabetes, parents and caregivers can help children lead active and fulfilling lives.

Consistent blood sugar monitoring is essential to prevent complications. This includes regular glucose checks and tracking food intake to maintain stable levels throughout the day. Additionally, following a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins plays a key role in managing diabetes.

Regular physical activity is also vital for children with diabetes. Encouraging them to stay active not only helps control blood sugar levels but also promotes overall health and fitness. Moreover, educating children about their condition empowers them to take ownership of their health as they grow older.

Incorporating these strategies into daily routines fosters a positive mindset towards managing diabetes effectively. By prioritising proper management early on, parents can instil healthy habits that set the foundation for long-term well-being.

By staying informed, proactive and supportive, we can help children with diabetes thrive and overcome challenges they may face. Together, we can empower these young individuals to live life to the fullest while effectively managing their condition.

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**DAY'S DIARY**

## *Williams' birth*

On this day in 1911, American writer and dramatist Tennessee Williams was born at Columbus in Mississippi

**INTEREST IN WRITING**

Williams became interested in playwriting while at the university and worked at it even during the Great Depression while employed in a St Louis shoe factory

**RECOGNITION**

His first recognition came when *American Blues*, a group of one-act plays, won a Group Theatre award. Later, *The Glass Menageries* ushered more fame

**PEAK CAREER**

Williams' plays *A Streetcar Named Desire* (1947), on sensuality and social tensions, and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (1955), bagged Pulitzer Prizes

*CE's guide to happenings in the city*

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# EMERALD CELEBRATIONS

BENGALURU wished for Irish blessings and hoped for some Pot O' Gold, as Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Honorary Consul General of Ireland, and Kevin Kelly, Ambassador of Ireland in India, celebrated St Patrick's Day, the principal festival of Ireland, at Taj West End on Sunday. The event marked the grand finale of festivities, drawing Bengaluru's prominent personalities, including Consuls from France, Switzerland, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Poland, Peru, Estonia. Along with honouring St Patrick, the gathering also celebrated Mazumdar-Shaw's birthday, which was on Saturday, with a cake-cutting ceremony. Emphasising the strong ties between India and Ireland in technology, culture, and business, the celebration also commemorated the 75th year of diplomatic relations. The celebrations featured Irish songs, unique delicacies, and green beer, reflecting the rich heritage and cultural confluence of both nations.

(From top-left; clockwise) Philanthropist TV Mohandas Pai with his wife Kusumlata Pai; Honorary Consul General of Ireland Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw with Kevin Kelly, Ambassador of Ireland in India; Chandru Iyer, British Deputy High Commissioner to Karnataka and Kerala with other dignitaries; Mazumdar-Shaw with guests at the celebration

# AN OUTSIDER'S RISE

Actor Rahul Dev Shetty, who was on the recently-released web series *Love Adhura*, speaks about the struggles of being an outsider in the industry, his role in the series and avoiding typecasting

MONIKA MONALISA

AN 'accidental actor', **Rahul Dev Shetty** has been a familiar face on web series and films recently. His latest is a lead role in Amazon MiniTV's *Love Adhura*, a romantic-thriller mini series starring Karan Kundrra and Erica Fernandes.

Having worked in films like *12th Fail*, Shetty says he is glad to be associated with different forms of entertainment. "Web series as a medium is quite popular. *Love Adhura* has been getting good reviews and has been a hit with the younger generation," says Shetty, adding that he is grateful for the faith that the team behind the show placed in him and hopes for a season 2.

Shetty plays a corrupt cop who discovers undercover activities at a tea manufacturing unit in the series. Although happy for the characters he is getting to play, Shetty feels his last few characters have had a similar vibe. "Probably the teams find my mannerisms and my demeanour fit for a certain kind of role. Once you start getting recognised by the roles that people have seen you, it sticks to you for quite some time," says Shetty. Nevertheless, the actor is understanding of the choices from a production's point of view. "There is a lot of money involved in a project, so they don't want to deviate too much from it," he adds.

Wishing that his roles had longer screen time than what it got, Shetty feels it is difficult for an outsider to break into the system. "I've had a lot of auditions because of *12th Fail*. Cracking an audition has never been easy. It's mostly involves a lot of waiting," shares Shetty, adding, "Unfortunately, there have been a few times when projects and roles sound interesting, only to look completely different when they come to the table. Having said that it's the quality of work that I'd like to go for rather than the screen time of the role. I will take up the work that gets me to work with a good director and keep my acting skills sharpened."

As he gets comfortable in front of camera, Shetty hopes one day to break the stereotype to be able to try to different characters.

A still from the series

**CITY READ**

### Students create art to celebrate World Water Day

The students of the Art Club of JAIN International Residential School (JIRS) celebrated World Water Day 2024 by creating a water conservation art piece using recycled materials. The centre piece of the art was an innovative water drop sculpture with a net cradling a single droplet, resonating with the message of water conservation and symbolising people's collective responsibility to slow down the flow and secure a sustainable water future. The artwork aims to spread awareness about the critical need for water conservation and to use each drop of water responsibly.

### High school organises summer camp for students

Greenwood High International School, Sarjapur is all set to kickstart the summer season with a summer camp for students of all classes. Packed with learning opportunities and activities, the three-week programme from April 8-26 – taking place between 8-11 am – will conduct multiple events and activities including football, badminton, hockey, basketball, swimming, tennis, and athletics. Each student will have the option to choose two disciplines. A separate summer camp shall also be held from April 8-29 for kids aged 3-6 with activities like cooking, jewellery making, arts and crafts, gardening, Zumba, and gymnastics. For more information, contact 9740987056.

The pressure is on as exam season descends upon Bengaluru, *CE* speaks to students, and tutors on what students are doing to cope with the stress

# Cramming, Calming, & Coping

EXPRESS FEATURES

AS the buzz of exam season envelops the city, students find themselves balancing a tightrope of study and personal well-being. Amidst the intense pressure of academic performance, and its all-encompassing role in determining their academic and career opportunities, students are finding ways to cope and even thrive under pressure. Bryan Jonathan Wilkin, a class 12 student, faces the unique challenge of switching from an international curriculum to India's National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) board. He confides, "This board is going to be unlike anything I've previously done. It would be an understatement to say that it's been stressful." To deal with the daunting change, Wilkin has been seeking solace in his favourite activities. "I wake up early and hit the gym. This is my time to clear my mind...I just listen to my favourite music and don't think about anything else," he shares, adding, "Afterwards, I attend my classes, where I can fully concentrate. When I return home, I take a quick 10-20 minute nap. Then, I go to the gym again for boxing. After that, I have another short study break. I spend about half an hour reviewing what I've learned throughout the day. Finally, I talk to my family and friends, which helps divert my attention to other things."

*Earlier, when I took an exam, anxiety would take over me...But, I've had help dealing with it, and now I'm quite confident*

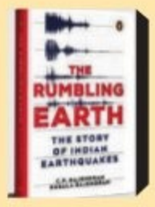
Shreyas BK, student

On the other hand, for the first time in his life, Shreyas BK is feeling 'completely at peace' with himself ahead of a major examination. The Class 10 student is neurodivergent and has struggled with reading, dictation, and attention issues all his life. However, following an ADHD diagnosis and with the help of counselling, the 16-year-old feels confident about his chances at his upcoming board exams. "I'm very peaceful and happy ahead of exams. Earlier, when I took an exam, anxiety would take over me and I couldn't remember anything I'd read; I would even struggle to remember the questions on the paper. But, I've had help dealing with it, and now I'm quite confident," he shares.

Kavitha Angre, a city-based tutor and counsellor emphasises the need for parents to be more supportive of their children during this time. "Informing students that it is okay to not score high marks, because low scores do not mean they are incapable, is important. Unfortunately, parents often say that students cannot play because their exams are coming up. They do not realise that when children play and come back, there is more oxygen in the air, which helps the child concentrate better. Children also need an adult they can trust to share their concerns, something that is often difficult for parents to provide because they are busy with their stress," she adds.

For many students, the end of exams is a time for some much-needed relaxation and recharge. But for those attending boards, it's also a hectic time for planning their futures. Wilkin hopes to head back to his hometown of Mangaluru, while Priya BK, an undergraduate in her final semester of college is preparing for entrance exams to her dream post-graduation college. "I am in my final semester, we've just finished our mid-sems, and our final exams are just a few months away. While I'm preparing for those exams on one hand, I'm also looking at planning what I'm going to be doing after I graduate. Currently, I want to continue studying but I also feel like taking a break. I'm planning to go on a day trip with some friends to an amusement park or a snow park," she adds.

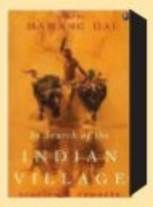
## BOOK NOOK




### The Rumbling Earth: The Story of Indian Earthquakes

**By CP Rajendran and Kusala Rajendran**

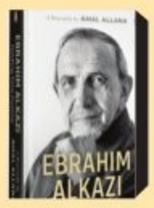
The book takes the readers to some exciting parts of India to show how earthquakes change the topography where a sea existed not far in the past — now a salt marsh — affecting social life, trade, and livelihood.




### In Search of the Indian Village: Stories and Reports

**Edited by Mamang Dai**

The book captures the essence of rural India through the country's finest short fiction, commentary, scholarship, and reportage.




### Ebrahim Alkazi's biography, Holding Time Captive

**By Amal Allana**

From Alkazi's student years in England to his theatre movement in Bombay and Delhi, this book charts the theatre giant's meteoric rise and his unwavering commitment to put Hindi theatre on the map.

### She Storms the Norms

**By Anisha Motwani, Priyadarshini Narendra**

Women tend to work much harder, yet they are held to higher standards and face greater obstacles when it comes to receiving their deserved recognition. It showcases the inspiring stories of women who have overcome the triple challenge of societal beliefs, structural barriers, and self-doubt.

**RCB FEVER**

Bengalureans across all ages prepare for Royal Challengers Bengaluru's first match at their home ground, M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Monday, where they face Punjab Kings | ALLEN EGENUSE J

## QUICKFIX

# SMOKEY CHICKEN CONE

Contributed by **Sheeba La Fleur**, Thiruvananthapuram

### INGREDIENTS

- **Cooked chicken:** 1 cup
- **Ginger-garlic paste:** 2 tsp
- **Carrot chopped:** 1/4 cup
- **Samosa sheet:** 8 to 10 numbers
- **Mayonnaise:** 2 to 3 tbsp
- **Onion sliced:** 1/2 cup
- **Capsicum sliced:** 1/4 cup
- **Pepper powder:** 1 tsp
- **Roasted vermicelli:** 1 cup
- **Tomato sauce:** 1 tsp
- **Green chilli chopped:** 2
- **Cabbage sliced:** 1/4 cup
- **Oregano:** 1 tsp
- **Maida slurry:** half cup
- **Salt to taste**
- **Oil as needed**

### METHOD

- Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Add chopped onion, green chillies, and ginger-garlic paste. Sauté for about 3 minutes until the onions turn translucent. Add diced chicken and mixed vegetables to the pan. Cook for another 3 minutes until the chicken is cooked through and the vegetables are slightly tender.
- Season the mixture with black pepper, oregano, and salt. Mix well and allow the mixture to cool down slightly, then stir in mayonnaise and tomato sauce until evenly combined.
- Place a small bowl with a piece of burning coal in the centre of the chicken and veggie mixture. Add 1 teaspoon of oil to the coal. When smoke starts emanating, cover the pan tightly with a lid and let it sit for 5 minutes to infuse the smoky flavour into the mixture.
- Cut the samosa sheets into halves. Prepare a thick slurry using maida and water. Shape the samosa sheets into cones and seal the edges with the maida slurry. Fill each cone with the prepared chicken and veggie mixture.
- Dip the top of each cone into the maida slurry, then coat it with roasted vermicelli. Place the filled cones in the freezer for about 5 minutes to set.
- Heat oil in a pan over medium-high heat. Fry the prepared cones in batches until they turn golden brown and crispy. Drain the fried cones on paper towels to remove excess oil. Serve the crispy chicken and veggie cones hot, with tomato sauce on the side.

## DEAR LIFE

Preeti Shenoy
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*Novelist, Illustrator, Speaker.*

### How do I overcome fear of failure?

Most people experience a fear of failure at least a few times in their lives. Every person who has achieved something has failed at some point. My book, *Life is What You Make It*, which sold over a million copies, was rejected over 40 times.

It is normal, even natural, to feel afraid when doing something for the first time. The reasons can be many — a fear of being ridiculed, deep-rooted past trauma, or over-critical parents who make you think that failing at something is the end of the world.

The good news? You can be certain that others are too busy leading their own lives to laugh at us or care. Even if they do, tell them, 'At least I tried. What did you do?'

Failure is a great teacher. It gifts us resilience, a thick skin, and shows us who our true friends are.

If you haven't failed, you haven't lived.

ASK AN XPERT

## FITBIT

# VAJRASANA ON BLOCK

(THUNDERBOLT POSE ON BLOCK)

In Sanskrit, 'vajra' means thunderbolt or diamond, and 'asana' means posture. According to Hindu mythology, Vajra is the name of Lord Indira's (God of Heaven) weapon, which was as hard as a diamond. For this reason, it is also known as Diamond Pose. This pose is quite helpful in getting rid of constipation or any other stomach-related problems.

### STEPS

- Kneel down. Ensure the knees are close together.
- Separate your heels but ensure the big toes are touching each other.
- Lower your body, place buttocks in the space between both feet.
- The heels must touch the side of hips.
- You can place a cushion/ block below the knees.
- Place the palm on the thighs or knees with any preferred mudra.
- Stay here for 6 breaths and relax.
- Inhale, meditate and chant 'OM' for about 18 rounds.
- Take breaks if the breathing process gets difficult.
- Keep the spine and head straight and relaxed, and don't arch the spine excessively.
- Close your eyes and relax the body. Stay here for at least a minute.
- Vajrasana is most beneficial when followed by some breathing exercises.

### BENEFITS

- Aids with the blood circulation in the body.
- This is the only yoga pose that you can practice right after lunch or dinner.
- Strengthens the pelvic muscles.
- Improves digestion and combats constipation, indigestion, and acidity.
- Stimulates the spinal nerves and corrects rounded backs and drooping shoulders.
- Regulates the functioning of reproductive organs and the thyroid gland.
- Beneficial for people suffering from sciatica.
- Helps in attaining peace of mind.
- Regular practise of this asana rejuvenates the entire body.
- Aids in the treatment of piles and stomach disorders such as peptic ulcers and hyperacidity.

### LIMITATIONS

- Students who are suffering from knee problems or have recently undergone knee surgeries should avoid practising this asana.
- If anyone has a spinal cord condition, especially with the lower vertebrae, then they should not practise this asana.
- Avoid this if you are suffering from intestinal ulcers, hernias, or any other intestinal problems such as an ulcer or hernia.
- Pregnant women can consult with a yoga expert before practising this.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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## WHATWHENWHYWHERE

### Inspiring Inclusion

Join a thought-provoking discussion on how women's rights in the private sphere continue to be elusive. The talk Making Rights Real is a critical examination of India's gender equality laws with Sarasu Esther Thomas' critical insights examining legal rights in India against the backdrop of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

**WHEN:** March 26, 6.30pm | **WHERE:** Bangalore International Centre, Domlur | **DETAILS:** bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

### Weaving Art

Learn the art of macrame weaving at this workshop with like-minded individuals and take home your art pieces.

**WHEN:** March 26, 7pm **WHERE:** Small World, Koramangala
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Clay Creations

Mould your creativity and imagination as you synergise with your surroundings and the rotating wheel, crafting creations by hand that also help to cope with the day's stress and worries.

**WHEN:** March 27, 11am
**WHERE:** Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Sound Therapy

Destress and rejuvenate yourself with this unique meditation featuring sound therapy that helps centre your health and mind in the right place.

**WHEN:** March 26, 5pm
**WHERE:** Salarpuria Sattva Magnificia, Old Madras Road
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Comedy Time

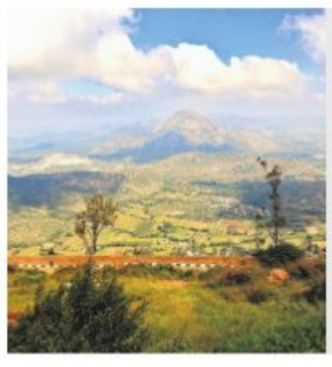
Tune in for some comedy punches at this solo comedy show featuring famous comedian **Ravi Gupta** with his brand new comedy set *Kal Ki Chinta Nahi Karta*.

**WHEN:** March 27, 3pm
**WHERE:** MLR Convention Centre, Whitefield
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Wood Wonders

Let fluid brush strokes take over your creativity as you learn the skill of painting wooden surfaces with ease at this workshop which lets you take home your creations.

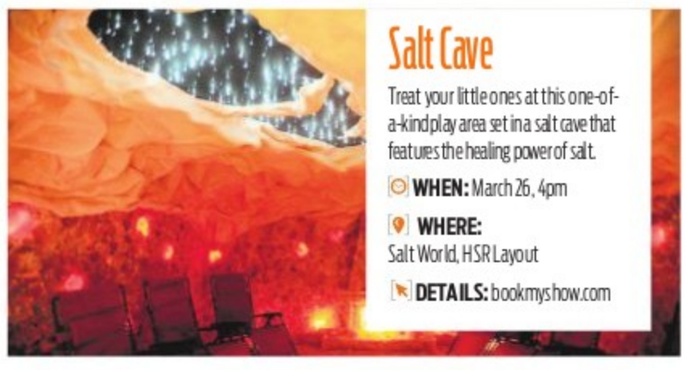
**WHEN:** March 27, 5.30pm
**WHERE :** Art Beat, HSR Layout
**DETAILS :** bookmyshow.com



### Heights and Hills

Plan a mini mid-week getaway by trekking and camping at Nandi Hills which features scenic views and sublime sunsets amidst nature's wilderness.

**WHEN:** March 26, 4pm
**WHERE:**
Nandi Hills, Kanahalli Cross
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



### Salt Cave

Treat your little ones at this one-of-a-kind play area set in a salt cave that features the healing power of salt.

**WHEN:** March 26, 4pm
**WHERE:**
Salt World, HSR Layout
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

## ARTCORNER

# LIFE AND FRAGILITY

Artist VG Venugopal's Voyage into the Unknown, which represents the wonderous quality of nature, is one of the many works which will be on display at an upcoming exhibition at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath

During the weekend, Bengaluru was treated to a performance by Mauritian band Patyatann known for their authentic harmonies with influences from Vedic culture

# CULTURAL CRESCENDO

**POOJA DAS**

CELEBRATING Bengaluru as a global crossroads for musical artistes from all corners of the world, Patyatann, a band hailing from Mauritius, took the stage at Alliance Française de Bangalore for the first time last Saturday, as part of the Francophonie 2024, a tour promoted by the French Institute in India and the French Alliances of the Indian network.

Formed in 2012, Patyatann is an ensemble of five musicians: Sarasvati Mallac, Anthony Bouic, Kan Chan Kin, Cledy François, and Stephan Paul. Each member brings a unique musical heritage, with instruments ranging from traditional Mauritian percussion instruments to an erhu Chinese violin. "With Mauritius being a multicultural island, we have the opportunity to engage with various instruments and musical influences. As curious musicians, we are constantly exploring new sonorities. Sarasvati draws from her upbringing in Vedic culture, where she learned to sing mantras and play the mridangam. My musical journey was shaped by metal bands, while Cledy delved into traditional Sega music, mastering various percussion instruments. Stephan initially found his footing in a reggae band, refining his skills on the double bass and Kan has a remarkable talent for crafting instruments from recycled materials," explains Bouic.

The band's journey to their first performance in Bengaluru is a way to reconnect with their shared cultural roots. "Performing in India holds great significance for us. We draw inspiration from the rhythms and melodies of Indian music. Some of our songs even speak about this connection, like the one based on the legend of Lemuria, which highlights the existence of a vast continent in the Indian Ocean connecting Mauritius, Madagascar, the Mascarene Islands, India, and even Australia," says Mallac.

Bouic speaks of the unexpected origins of the band when they were selected for a music festival in England. Unable to define their genre, they jokingly wrote 'Pakavdirtwa' on a form, meaning 'we cannot say' in Mauritian Creole. "Seeking a name that captured the band's essence, we stumbled upon the Mauritian expression 'pa ti atann', meaning 'we didn't expect it', which we transformed into the single word – patyatann," says Bouic.

At the core, Patyatann's message is embracing differences. "I vividly remember a moment when I had the chance to play my erhu alongside a cello and esraj-three distinct sounds that blended seamlessly together. It was magical!" highlights Mallac, further adding, "People often feel apprehensive when encountering something different from themselves, but it's precisely these differences that enrich our lives. We encourage everyone to dare to explore beyond their familiar surroundings. By doing so, you'll discover how your soul can recognise itself in others, no matter where they are from."

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# The Play in Role-Play

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

*G.I. JOE* was a rage among Indian boys of the glorious '90s. The cartoon series on cable TV was a thrill, while the iconic action figure line that flooded downtown toy shops was everybody's envy. The US-origin concept of two warring sides, with the Joes (the good guys) trying to save the world from the sinister machinations of Cobra, led by Cobra Commander, pitted friends against one another in play. Each boy would bring out his favourite character collectibles and fine toy battle hardware, and enter a make-believe warzone – mostly a dining table or the living room floor – and fight it out, playing his character and setting to perfection. No friendships for some hours, only hostilities, as each knew his role in the game – something which was taken quite seriously.

*G.I. Joe*, *He-Man*, and the *Power Rangers* evoked in me the same heightened excitement that most urban Indian kids have today for Marvel characters, which are on full display at the cinema and in stores. Superheroes are purely fictional, but in that particular boyish phase of life, their fight for good against evil tends to latch on, and their influence comes to the fore in adventures with peers and school friends. Whether it's playing a character according to the role it portrays or inspires through toys, or acting out a character by dressing to look the part after watching it on screen, children revel in these pastimes. I have a cousin, who as a child of seven or eight, would hang a large cloth over his back and jump from the cot onto the dressing table, claiming to be Superman. Today, all those fond memories bring a chuckle to our faces.

The innocence with which children seriously play these unreal roles in fabulous worlds they have created for themselves is something the older folk must learn from – finding joy in the little things, even if it's a figment of one's imagination. Role-playing is an integral aspect of growing up. While sociologists and psychologists lay considerable emphasis on this concept in a much wider sense, it is especially important when looking at children, who play several roles based on what they watch on TV or devices, the toys they play with, the books they read, or simply by emulating adults around them. This is a naturally occurring phenomenon, even observed in animals where the offspring of several species watch the parents'/adults' behaviour and imitate it, eventually cementing their role in the natural scheme of things.

Toys played a big role in my growing-up years (no pun intended). As an only child, the precious playthings gave me company, while also attracting other boys to come over and share my fun. The enjoyment bit apart, come to think of it now, my toys helped me develop individuality and learning, and I took my playtime very seriously, having preserved several of what I played with intact until now. For instance, a beautifully-crafted *Animal Kingdom* set, gifted to me for my seventh birthday, elevated my love and curiosity for animals, and I played out their lives in the wild, such as predator-prey relationships, wherein I got the lion figurine to take on its zebra counterpart. I built miniature dioramas to bring the serenity of the wilderness into the cozy confines of my playroom. For my limited understanding at that age, this role-play in a natural setting allowed me to let my imagination run wild. Kids explore playing the roles of doctors, policemen, chefs, and engineers, with toy sets designed to satisfy these perhaps 'once-in-a-lifetime' dreams. Many, later in life, relate how a chance present of a toy plane or an invaluable book, opened their minds to a desired destiny.

Ever seen a child sitting in the driver's seat of a parked car, and not pretending to drive, by tugging at the wheel and making engine-like sounds from his mouth? As children, we see situations around and pick up those most-inspiring, or plain comfortable. We find security amongst the older loved ones at home, and want to be like them, and tend to copy them. Role-playing is playing its role here, and as we grow up, it is constantly contributing to the development of our personalities.

As adults, when we enter the so-called real world, we are assigned real roles, professional and personal. Here, we do not ape or copy but are trained to play a role in a system. Reward or reprimand is determined by performance. This is the professional part. On the personal front, as parents/adults, we become the subjects that set the roles that our children wish to play. We buy them toys, bring them cheer, get them to learn something, and build their delicate imagination. In all their sense of boundless creativity, the ultimate role that children play at their finest is their own – of being children – a hallmark for being good human beings later in life.

***(The writer's views are personal)***

**NUGGET**

**RESTO-BAR UNVEILS EASTER MENU**

Get into the spirit of Easter with resto-bar SuzyQ's special festive menu. Available from Mar 28-31, it features starters like emmental spiral soufra with spiced tomato sauce. Main courses include lamb chops with rosemary and grapes, plum glazed pork ribs with three berry salsa. The menu also includes a special easter egg surprise for dessert. Prices start from ₹320++

**LOVEOLOGY**
Mahesh Natarajan

**(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)**

# WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?

IN any dating app that you might look at, you get options on what you are looking for that you need to select from when you make a profile. There are options ranging from something casual to friends to relationships. Some apps are very clear about their purpose, such as the number of matrimonial apps, apps designed for those looking for something that is not headed towards matrimony, especially for people who are already in such a relationship but want more, and even more specifically targeted apps designed for particular groups of people to find each other based on their very clear preferences.

Rumi's quote 'What you seek is seeking you' notwithstanding, the reality of everyday life is that we have to be particularly clear about what we are seeking. Of course, in most of these apps, we could check all the boxes, or say that we are not sure of what we are seeking, and just looking to engage, just look to make some human connections and see what happens. We might say we are just open to connections and let things happen as they will. Many of us do that when we are just feeling lonesome and seek some connection, any connection, and feel that we can figure out the rest of it in time – it is hard enough to make that connection, let alone look for something in particular. It is like setting out into a forest on a foraging expedition, or a hunting trip, not quite knowing what we might find but fairly confident that something will turn up – or in a more modern context, going to the market with the intention of getting fresh produce, not knowing what will be there, but confident that we can make something nice with whatever is there.

The thing is, most times, even when we tell ourselves that we can make something out of anything we get, as long as it is fresh and at a reasonable price, we may not actually behave that way when we get to the market. Imagine you are going to just buy vegetables. If when you get to the market, all you find is bitter gourd, methi, ash gourd, plantain stems, fox berries, or other things that you don't like or know what to do with, you might just continue walking along till you find carrots, potatoes or whatever else you like. When we say 'anything' we hardly mean anything. Even when it comes to vegetables – why would it be different when it comes to wanting to meet people?

We typically have a certain wishlist. It helps to get familiar with it, be able to articulate what we want and have a sense of what we are looking for when we get out to the market – whether it is vegetables or the relationship marketplace. Otherwise, we end up looking in all the wrong places, wasting time thinking there is nothing suitable for us, or just staring at a random thing we picked, wondering what to make of it.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**
CHANGE OF NAME

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **KIRAN PANDURANG CHAVAN,** W/o Shrinivas Raibagi, R/at Flat No. 401, 4th Floor, Siri Lake View, 4th Main, Astalakshmi Layout, J P Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560 078 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KIRAN SHRINIVAS RAIBAGI** to **KIRAN PANDURANG CHAVAN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KIRAN PANDURANG CHAVAN** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 23rd March 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN .K** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MOHAMED EBRAHIM SABJAN ALIAS AHMED** DOB: 15.01.1959 S/o. S. Sabjan Residing at #309, 6th Cross, MS Ramaiah North City, Thanisandra Main Road, Dr. SRK Nagar, Nagawara, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560077 have changed my Name to **MOHAMMED EBRAHIM SABJAN** vide affidavit dated: 24.09.2021 Sworn before Notary Rajamani, Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **VARSHAABHISHEK,** W/o Abhishek Anand, aged about 42 years, resident at No. 14, 8th B Main Road, BDA Complex, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560080 do here by declare that both the names i.e. **VARSHA .J.K** and **VARSHAABHISHEK** are one and the same person and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **VARSHAABHISHEK** only, vide affidavit dated 20-03-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **SUMITHRA .N** at Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Gunaseelan Chandra Shekar,** R/at No. 14, GNR Garden, Poojappa Layout, Chellekere, Near Hemanth MirrorIndustries, Hennur Bande Kalyananagar, Bengaluru-560043, have changed my minor son name from **REUEL DYSON** to **REUEL DYSON GUNASEELAN,** vide affidavit dated: 25.03.2024, before Notary **M.Narendran,** Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Mrs. OLINDA ELVIRA CELESTINE,** D/o Mr. Zachanas Jeniclaus alias and Mrs. Cecilia Zacharias, W/o Mr. Celestine Raja Kaner B, age 41 years, R/at No. 19, St. Dominic Savio School, Govindapura Main Road, Arabic College Post, Bangalore-45 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **OLINDA ELVIRA ZACHARIAS** to **OLINDA ELVIRA CELESTINE,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **OLINDA ELVIRA CELESTINE** only, vide affidavit dated 18th March, 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **THERESE LIAM, aged about 24 years, daughter of Mr.Tom Lal, residing at No.8, Leelal Bhageeratha Layout, 2nd Cross, Opp. K.H.B. Kengeri Satellite Town, Kengeri, Bangalore - 560 060,** have changed my name to **THERESE LIAM TOM** vide affidavit dated: 25.03.2024 before advocate and notary B.M.Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **NIGAR ANSAR, W/O. REHMAN FATHEM AHMED, Residing at No. 5916 7th Cross, Nagamma Layout, Kaval Byrasandra, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru 560 032,** have changed my name to **NIGAR SULTHANA** vide affidavit dated: 25.03.2024 before notary G. Dayananda, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Abhay Aaditya Jayashree,** S/o Jayashree Basavarajaiah R/a. No.28/1, 20th Main, M C Layout, Vijayanagar Bengaluru-560040, have changed my name from **Abhay Aaditya Jaysoorya** to **ABHAY AADITYA JAYASHREE.** Vide affidavit dated 21-03-2024, sworn before notary K.C. Shashikala.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **JANVI JUJARE**, aged 31 years, W/o Sri. Kartik Jujare, residing at Flat No. B-205, Garuda Blossom Apartments, Basavanapura Main Road, Bhattarahalli, Bangalore-49, have changed my name after marriage from SANTHOSH KUMARI KENDOLE RAJENDRA PRASAD/ SANTHOSH KUMARI K.R. to **JANVI JUJARE** vide affidavit Dtd. 23/03/2024, certificate numbered: IN-KA66348085208451W sworn before Notary H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MOHAMMED RAZZAN MOHTESHAM,** S/o Nazeer Ahamed, aged about 30 years, R/at Roshani Ummer Street, 1st Cross, Madina Colony Bhatkal Uttar Kannada-581320, declare that I have changed my name from **MOHAMMED RAZZAN** to **MOHAMMED RAZZAN MOHTESHAM,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MOHAMMED RAZZAN MOHTESHAM** for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated 22/03/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at BENGALURU.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MRS RAJESHWARI MAHANTESH GOUDAR,** W/o MAHANTESH GOUDAR, resident of 589, 10TH C Cross, Mahalakshmi Puram, Bangalore - 560086., have changed my name from **RAJESHWARI MANAGULI** to **RAJESHWARI MAHANTESH GOUDAR,** vide affidavit dated 11/3/2024 sworn to before D.G.Shanthappa advocate and notary Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **KUMAR,** S/o Puttaswamy, aged about 44 years, R/at No. 590, 11th Cross, Devappa Building, Pantarapalya, Nayandahalli, Bengaluru-560039 do hereby declare that my daughter name from **BORAMMA** to **MANASA .K** henceforth she shall be known and called as **MANASA .K** only vide affidavit dated 22-03-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.S. CHANDRAKANTHA** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **KUMARA SOLUR VEERABHADRAIAH,** S/o Veerabhadraiah Solur Rudrappa, age 76 years, R/at No. 8, 4th Main, SBM Colony, Anandanagar, Bangalore-560 024 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KUMARA SOLUR VEERABHADRAIAH** to **KUMAR SOLUR VEERABHADRAIAH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KUMAR SOLUR VEERABHADRAIAH** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25th March 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **HEGDE GANAPATI VENKATRAMAN,** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, Tiruchirapalli Sethurama Iyer Subramanian, S/o. Late T K Sethuraman Presently Residing at No. SG301, Golden Blossom Apartment, Opp. Sai Baba Ashrama, Kadugodi, Bangalore - 560067, have changed my name to **T S SUBRAMANIAN** vide affidavit dated: 25.03.2024 before advocate and notary Umamaheswary M.N., Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, Subramanian Savitri, W/o. T S **SUBRAMANIAN Presently Residing at No. SG301, Golden Blossom Apartment, Opp. Sai Baba Ashrama, Kadugodi, Bangalore - 560067,** have changed my name to **SAVITHRI SUBRAMANIAN** vide affidavit dated: 25.03.2024 before advocate and notary Umamaheswary M.N., Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Neethu Santhosha**, W/o Santhosha S B, R/a. No.30, 5th Main, Sir M V Nagar, Market Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016, have changed my name from **Neetu Yadav N R** to **NEETHU SANTHOSHA.** Vide affidavit dated 18.03.2024, sworn before notary Hegde Ganapati Venkatraman.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **NETHRAVATHI .S,** W/o, Vikram Naik, D/o C Srinivasamurthy, aged about 41 years, R/at No.60/4, Kabbaleshwari Nilaya, 3rd Cross,Uttarahalli main Road, Uttarahalli, Subramanyapura, Bangalore-560061, declare that I have changed my name from **NETHRAVATHI VIKRAM** to **NETHRAVATHI .S** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NETHRAVATHI .S** for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated 25/03/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RAVI KUMAR .V,** at BENGALURU.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, Kanchan Korde, aged about 40 years, W/o. Mr. Vikram Korde, R/at #1005, C Block, 10th Floor, Mahaveer Tranquil, 2nd Main Road, Near Ambedkar Statue, Nallurahalli, Whitefield, Bengaluru - 560066, I state that I have changed my name from **KANCHAN KORDE** to **KANCHAN VIKRAM KORDE.** Vide affidavit dated 25.03.2024. Sworn before Advocate & Notary Indira S S, Bengaluru.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **SHIVA KUMAR KAMANUR NARAYANA,** S/o Narayana K.N, age 47 years, R/at Villa No. 3, Parijatha, Maysons Udbhava, Jakkur Main Road, Shivanahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-64 do hereby declare that my daughter's correct name is **SAI CHARANYA SHIVA KUMAR,** but in her CBSE-SSE-2023 marks statement cum certificate her name is wrongly mentioned as **SAI CHARAYANA SHIVA KUMAR** instead of **SAI CHARANYA SHIVA KUMAR,** vide affidavit dated 21-03-2024, sworn before VII Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **ANANTHA C HEBBALE,** S/o Chandrashekra H.S, age 50 years, R/at NO. 22, 8th Cross, 1st Stage, BEML Layout, Basaveshwaranagara, Bangalore-560 079 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name in passport from **ANAGHA ANANTHA** to **ANANTHA HEBBALE,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **ANANTHA HEBBALE** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 23rd March 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RATNA .N** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **A. VAIJANTHIMALA,** is legally wedded spouse of No. 15315582N EX.HAV, ASHOK.B presently residing at 26/A, 3rd Cross, Thammanna Layout, Hennur Main Road, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore-560084, have changed my name from **A. VAIJANTHIMALA** to **A. VAIJAYANTHI MALA,** vide affidavit dated: 22-03-2024 before Notary **S. SAMUEL SOLOMON,** Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Vijay Aditiya Jayashree,** S/o Jayashree Basavarajaiah R/a. No.28/1, 20th Main, M C Layout, Vijayanagar Bengaluru-560040, have changed my name from **Vijay Aditiya J** to **VIJAY ADITIYA JAYASHREE.** Vide affidavit dated 21-03-2024, sworn before notary K.C. Shashikala

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **ASHWINI NAGARAJ, D/o Bangalore Subbaiah Nagaraj, aged about 44 years, residing at No. 15, Manjunatha Nilaya, 7th Main, Krishna Temple Road, near Kabir Ashram, Dodda Bommasandra, Bangalore 560097** have changed my name from **ASHWINI CHUNDURI, D/o B S Nagaraju to ASHWINI NAGARAJ, D/o Bangalore Subbaiah Nagaraj** before Notary Anusuyamma affidavit dated 25/03/2024

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SOWJANYA NALLOLLA RAMANA** W/o **Suraj Sundaran** R/at Flat No.002, A Block, Sri Sai Nivas, 6th Cross, Krishna Layout, Hulimavu, Bangalore-560076 have changed my name to **SOWJANYA NALLOLLA** vide affidavit dated: 25/3/2024 Before Notary **H.G.Padmanabha Rao** Bangalore.

# 'THE CHARACTERS I PORTRAY MAKE ME FEEL LIKE BENJAMIN BUTTON ONSCREEN'

says Sapthami Gowda, who, moving beyond her performance in *Kantara*, is excited to portray an engineering student, Siri, in her upcoming film *Yuva* directed by Santhosh Ananddram, alongside newcomer Yuvarajkumar

A SHARADHAA

SAPTHAMI Gowda, who claimed her fame with her performance in Rishab Shetty's *Kantara,* continues to enjoy the fruits of her success. However, her laurels have only made her hungry for new accomplishments. "I approach every new project as a fresh adventure," she explains. "While *Kantara* has been instrumental in shaping my career, I'm eager to explore new roles and collaborate with exceptional teams." For Sapthami, the true reward lies in the intricacies of acting, and not in the spotlight. "I'm grateful for what *Kantara* has given me," she acknowledges, "But there's still so much more to discover and learn in this journey."

"Sudden fame often makes actors strategise their next move, yet I haven't set any boundaries," Sapthami admits, discussing her collaboration with the team of her upcoming film *Yuva,* which marks Yuvarajkumar's debut. "Hombale Films joining hands with director Santhosh Ananddram, and the strong writing that the latter brought to the table were major factors that convinced me to take up this film," she explains.

With Sapthami's Leela from *Kantara* still a vivid memory for audiences, there's curiosity about whether her upcoming role in the commercial entertainer *Yuva* can replicate that magic. However, Sapthami offers a different perspective. "Initially, after Suri's *Popcorn Monkey Tiger,* people perceived me as someone who portrays bold characters. Then came *Kantara*, where audiences embraced me as Leela, seeing my ability to portray subdued and silent roles," she reflects.

Stepping into the shoes of Siri for *Yuva*, Sapthami notes that the character is a stark contrast to her previous roles. "Viewers have already witnessed this change. There's a transformation in my appearance, where I appear as a completely different person, making it easier for the audience to connect with me," says Sapthami as she reflects on her role as the college-goer in Siri. She further narrates the process of transforming into a youthful engineering student. "I had to portray the essence of a student about to graduate, exuding youthfulness in my appearance and mannerisms. From makeup and hairstyle to wardrobe, everything underwent a transformation to capture the middle-class, girl-next-door vibe. Playing Siri felt like a reversal of age on screen. From roles like in *Popcorn Monkey Tiger, Kantara,* and in my Bollywood film, *The Vaccine War,* to now Yuva, the characters I portray make me feel like Benjamin Button onscreen," she shares. "As an engineering student myself, slipping into the role came naturally. As Siri, I was studious yet active, mirroring my own college experiences. It was refreshing to portray a character closer to my age. Despite her maturity, Siri never wavers in her pursuit of dreams and stands as the hero's strongest supporter," she adds.

Having already worked on three films—two in Kannada and one in Bollywood—Sapthami is collaborating with a newcomer like Yuvarajkumar for the first time. However, she maintains that she never takes charge in such situations. "I prioritise the director's vision over everything else," she asserts. "The director is the captain of the ship, and I work to bring their vision to life. Even though Yuvarajkumar was a newcomer, I had the privilege of working with more experienced actors who also respected the director's authority."

On her experience working with Yuvarajkumar, she adds, "Although I worked with a newcomer for the first time, I didn't notice any significant difference. Both experienced actors and newcomers will find it challenging, only when you're unprepared. However, he had done his homework, and char- acter workshops, some of which we attended together. He never came across as a newcomer to me, and I never approached the project with that mindset. Whether working with a newcomer or someone with more experience, it's crucial to focus on collaborating as a team for the film's overall success. It's about the collective effort towards creating a quality product, rather than individual distinctions."

When it comes to working with Santhosh Ananddram, Sapthami found the experience very seamless. "The director insisted on workshops, which made it easy for me to grasp my dialogues and understand what was expected of me as Siri. Santhosh was very clear about his vision, which ultimately helped us actors perform better," she says.

For someone, who has previously worked with directors like Suri, Rishab Shetty, and now Santhosh, Sapthami relishes the latter's signature style. "I am a big fan of his film, *Mr and Mrs Ramachari.* Despite his films being commercial entertainers, Santhosh's subjects are grounded and universally relatable. This simple approach makes it easier for actors like myself to understand and connect with the story, as well as the audiences," she observes.

Meanwhile, Sapthami is gearing up to start shooting for her Telugu film, *Thammudu* in April, in which she will be paired with Nithin. "Currently, I am fully committed to this project while also keeping an eye out for new opportunities. Although several offers have come my way, I am particularly eager for the release of *Yuva.* It offers a different shade and character, and I want people to experience it," she affirms. When asked if she still desires to be part of Rishab Shetty's *Kantara Chapter 1*, she responds candidly, "Ultimately, it belongs to me. It will always be mine, regardless of who else may claim it. I admit, I am possessive—I suppose you could even call me selfish. But there's a certain jealousy that comes with ownership."

A still from the film

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# *Yuva* is my first full-fledged commercial entertainer: Hitha

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HITHA Chandrashekar, a familiar face in the film and advertisements world, has recently made a significant leap with her role in *Yuva*. She plays a prominent character in the film, which marks the debut of Yuvarajkumar. "While I was the director's first choice for this role, I never questioned why he chose me," says Hitha, as she reflects upon why she took the pivotal character. "Throughout my 7-year career and eight films, I've taken things slowly, ensuring that each role offers challenges, excitement, and the opportunity to learn and grow," says Hitha, who experienced something distinct by playing a sister's role for the first time. "Moreover, unlike my previous projects (*1/4 kg Preethi, Onthara Bannagalu, Thurthu Nirgamana, Premier Padmini*), which were mostly small-budget films with new directors, *Yuva* is my first film with a big production value, backed by Hombale Films, with noted director Santhosh Ananddram at the helm. Initially, I had doubts about not playing the lead, but after discussions with the director and the team, and a thorough narration of the story, I realised that even in a supporting role, I could bring substance to the character."

Hitha points out that her role has a subtle message that audiences will take back with them. "Overall, *Yuva* is a family-centric film, making the role I play relatable to anyone with a younger brother who doesn't always follow the rules. Despite the small differences, there's always a strong bond between siblings, and these nuances are beautifully captured in the film."

Hitha recalls doing a look test with Yuvarajkumar and Sudharani, (who plays Yuva's mother) and feeling like they formed a believable family on screen. "Yuvarajkumar, who plays Yuva, and I don't have much of an age gap, which helped me understand and portray the role more authentically," she explains.

On how it felt to play a role in a commercial entertainer for the first time, Hitha shares, "I experienced the intensity of a stunt sequence firsthand, which was new to me. Other than that, the experience was similar, but on a grander scale. We had a fantastic time on set, and the treatment of the film was exceptional."

Hitha Chandrashekar

## Da'Vine Joy in film based on Pharrell Williams

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FRESH from her Best Supporting Actress Oscar win for *The Holdovers*, Da'Vine Joy Randolph has signed up for her next film. She has joined Michel Gondry's Pharrell Williams biographical film. Gondry is best known for *Eternal Sunshine* of the Spotless Mind, starring Kate Winslet and Jim Carrey. Williams himself is producing this biopic, along with Gil Netter and Mimi Valdés. Steven Levenson and Martin Hynes are the writers of the yet-to-be-titled Williams biopic, whose production is underway at Universal.

The film marks a return for Randolph to the musical genre after High Fidelity.

## Rachel Morrison's Flint Strong is now retitled The Fire Inside

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WE know that Academy Award-nominated cinematographer Rachel Morrison, best known for her work on films such as Mudbound and *Black Panther*, is set to make her directorial debut with a film adaptation of the documentary T-Rex. It has been revealed that the film, previously titled Flint Strong, has now been retitled *The Fire Inside.*

The Fire Inside is written by Barry Jenkins, who previously helmed the Oscar-flick Moonlight. The film will hit the theatres on August 9.

*Flint Strong* will follow the story of 17-year-old Claressa 'T-Rex' Shields. Hailing from Flint, Michigan, she had a dream of becoming the first woman to win an Olympic gold medal in boxing, which she achieved at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Then, she won her second gold medal at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

The film stars Ryan Destiny as the titular character Claressa 'T-Rex' Shields. Others in the cast also include Brian Tyree Henry and Judy Greer.

A still from the film

# *Vidyarthi Vidyathiniyare* wraps up shooting

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RAPPER-turned-actor Chandan Shetty and the team have wrapped up shooting for *Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare*. According to director Arun Amukta, the journey of Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare has been nothing short of adventurous, spanning a 50-day schedule across diverse locations like Bengaluru, Mysore, Mangalore, and Chikmagalur. "Now, we have entered post-production, and we will plan for the release right after the Lok Sabha election results," shares the director, as he and the cast share insights about the film and their experiences making it. Additionally, the makers also unveiled a glimpse introducing the characters, featuring stalwarts like Bhavya, Sunil Puranik, and Raghu Ramanakoppa, among others.

Director Arun Amukta, discusing about Chandan Shetty's transformation for *Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare,* remarks, "His portrayal encompasses diverse shades, each demanding dedicated effort, and preparation. Although the role was challenging and contrasting to his real personality, Chandan has embraced it wholeheartedly." Amukta further emphasised the significance of the film for him, stating, "I thoroughly enjoyed the making process of this film. It promises to be a unique cinematic experience, blending elements of drama and technology in innovative ways."

*Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare* is produced by Subramanya Kuuke and AC Shivalinge Gowda. With Kumar Gowda taking care of the cinematography, the film will have music composed by a team of music director and editing by Pawan Gowda.

Team Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare